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Mr. V.Vedavyasacharya,
Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur.

Camp Bangalore,
Dated 9th. Oct. 1937

DEWAN'S OFFICE
11 OCT 1937
No. 2530

Dear Sir,

I enclose in original, for the information of Government, letter no. nil dated 9-10-'37 from the District Superintendent of Police, Tumkur, together with its enclosure, reporting the proceedings of a meeting convened under the auspices of the local Congress Committee at Tumkur on the evening of the 7th. inst. in connection with the proceedings taken against certain members of the "Council of Action" under section 108 Cr.P.C at Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

Vedavyasacharya

B.T. Kesaviengar Esq., B.A.

Chief Secretary to Govt

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N. PUTTARANGASWAMY, ESQ., B.Sc.,
Superintendent of Police.

TUMKUR.
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Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of the report recieved from the town Sub Inspector about a meeting that was convened under the auspicies of the District Congress Committee, Tumkur ~~to express~~ to sympathise with the members of the Council of action of the Mysore State Congress who were sent to jail on the 6th instt. Two resolutions were passed at the meeting condemning the action of Govt in requiring security from the three individuals referred to & sympathising with & congratulating these three individuals in their resolve not to bow down to the order but to go to prison.

Yours Sincerely
O Puttaranganswamy

To,
V. Vedavyasacharya Esq B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur

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The meeting terminated at 1 P.M. with vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Sri Rama Rao and seconded by Sri Ramakrishna Rao. Over one hundred persons gathered and participated among them were E. Rangiyengar, D. Rama Rao, B. Guruswamy, N. Venkataramaiah, N. N. Venkata Rao, T. P. Ramachandra, K. G. Narasimhan, Sangappa, H. Venkatasubbaiyappa, V. C. Rangaswamiyengar, H. V. Venkatasubbaiyappa, K. V. Subramanyam and other local leaders and students - No body were allowed to speak except the President Mr. Rajagopalachar, Mr. K. V. Subramanyam wanted permission to raise a [illegible]

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Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,
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Encl: as above.

S.d/- H.S. Ramesh
D/C Addl. Superintendent of Police
Tumkur Town
Tumkur

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Submitted to the Superintendent of Police, Tumkur
Sd/- H.S. Ramesh
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A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE
4th October 1937.

OFFICE OF THE
FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
OCT 7 1937
No. 1924

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

Secy) 6.10.37 I am enclosing herewith a copy of the speeches made by Messrs. K. Ranga Iyengar and T.Siddalingiah at Tumkur, received from the District Superintendent of Police, Tumkur, for the information of Government.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
No. 2458

Yours sincerely,

B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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I am to add that it is understood that his son is employed in the Electrical Department. Government do not think it fair to the State and its Ruler to employ a member of such a disloyal family in the public service and unless the father publicly apologises for his speech, the Chief Electrical Engineer will be asked to send the young man away

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

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Yours sincerely.

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V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

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Copy of letter No.S.P.14/37 dated 2nd October 1937 from the District Superintendent of Police, Tumkur to the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

I enclose herewith a copy of the report of the Police Inspector, Tumkur, regarding the speeches delivered by Messrs K. Ranga Iyengar, and T. Siddalingiah in connection with the celebration of the Gandhi Saptha week in Tumkur. Mr. T. Siddalingiah has expressed generally about Government servants being proud and to the prohibitory orders in Mysore. He has also stated that he would get Pandit Jawaharilal to Mysore and that the Government may send him to prison. He has also referred to his having written to the Dewan Sahib to reduce his salary by Rs.1000/- and his getting a reply that it will not be redueed even by Rs.100/-. There is also a reference in his speech to the visit of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore to Chittaldroog District and a statement is made by him that instead of spending 1½ lakhs of rupees for the visit of His Highness to the place, that money could have been better utilised for sinking drinking water wells in villages.

According to the programme there are no speeches to be delivered or public meetings to be held today. The Gandhi Saptha will terminate today, with the procession of Gandhiji's photo in the evening at 5 P.M. Mr. K. A. Venkataramiah who came here on the 30th evening of September left to Bangalore by mail train yesterday morning. Mr. T. Siddalingiah who arrived at 7-15 P.M. yesterday is reported to have left for Bangalore by car at 9-30 P.M.

" C O P Y "

Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur District.

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Report of x speeches on 1-10-37.

Yesterday evening, there was a lecture in connection with the Gandhi Saptaha in the Co-operative Society Veranda. Krishna Rao and another student of the local High School delivered lectures on the life and history of Ghandhiji (This was in connection w th the awarding of prizes on the best lecture delivered on Ghandhiji's life.)

Then Mr. Neelakanta Rao introduced the lecturer Mr.K. Ranga Iyengar and the subject on which he was going to speak Then the lecturer began his lecture on Gandhi and Native states He said that by native states it is not only Mysore that comes under that head, but there are 567 other States. Mysore, he said is indicated by yellow colour in the map and the Britishers have taken the red colour. He said that there should not be different colours, but the whole map must be painted in one colour. To quote his own words he said ' ಈ ನೀತಿಯನ್ನು ನಾವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅಂದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ '. He said that Mahatmaji laid the foundation for the States joining the congress in 1918-19 and for the States peoples becoming congressmen. He said that Mahatmaji was born in a petty native state and he is a congressman. Mahatmaji has said that even when congress achieves complete self Government, 'Purna Swaraj' as they call it, the princes will continue. He (the lecturer) explained that 'Purna Swaraj' means complete freedom, no suzerainty, no foreigners, Governors or who ever it may be coming to rule over us. The Britishers, he said, came here as shop keepers and took the country. But the position now is we should demand and they should give. The Karnataka he said, is a heroic land, in connection with which, he said, that there is a flag Gandabherunda. But all should cultivate such strength. The southerners, he said, deride Mysoreans as dull and people from outside should come and rule over us. In this connection the lecturer expressed ' ನಾವಿಂದಿನ ನೀಂದಿರು '. He exhorted the public to become powerful by joining the congress.

Next he stated that it is said that Mahatmaji has stated that Mysore is Ramarajya. But he, the lecturer, has not found

has not found such a saying anywhere in Gandhiji's writings. If he has said, the lecturer added, it would be wrong, and it is wrong. Ramarajya, he stated, is one where even a dog could have an interview with the king, but now men cannot get free interviews with kings in the States. If a ticket is given for going to the palace, he said, but it is noted in it 'admit one'. To others they write inviting them to the palace. Next he explained they should win such power that the kings should listen to them. He said people love His Highness (referring to Mysore) but even then there are certain representations to be made to His Highness in Mysore.

Next he said that Mahatmaji has said in following congress, they should not pain the native kings but the congress, the lecturer stated, differs from such a view. The lecturer said that he did not like to say which of them is right. He only interrogated the people as to whether the people were fit to follow the latter. In this connection he spoke of the application of preventive sections to congressites, but he said that the All India Congress Committee had stated that they would help them in the move for independence, but they must depend on themselves and their [illegible]. Then he exhorted the youths to prepare themselves and said that when difficulties arise the leaders must be prepared to face all miseries without thinking of their people at home. He stated that in connection with the agitation their properties may be sold, but they would not be lost finally. He referred to 10,000 Britishers ruling 37 crores of people and to Mohammad Ali's saying in Belgaum that if all the million Indians would spit once, the whole Britishers would float away. He added that we were not capable of spitting like that. Here he referred to the Right Honourable V.S.Sastry and he said that he belonged to [illegible]. The lecturer said that even the Right Honourable Sastry has expressed that out of the number of native states in India only about 50 States will survive with reference to

reference to the condition of the natives. The lecturer referred to certain Native Prince having borrowed a loan from the British for his marriage, mortgaging his own kingdom, and he added that such states may well be abolished.

Next, referring to the education of the children he said that the place in which they receive must be Good and strong, but things are otherwise. He quoted the Chiknaikanahalli Taluk Halguna School as an instance and said that the building may come down any time and kill their boys. He expressed, that the Tumkur High School, and the C. Colleges in Mysore and Bangalore were alright among the Educational buildings., referring to some of the educational institutuons. Then he referred to the export of Gold and this has gone for 200 years and this should be stopped at least now.

Next he referred to Sri Rama going away to the forest giving up his country and wanted the Native States to follow him. and said that there was no Ramarajya anywhere. He said that where there is no food and education for the needy there could be no Ramarajya, He exhorted the people not to fall a prey to the cunning British who are not willing to leave the country. Finally he would up his speech by urging the people to become Congressmen and wear khaddar

Then Mr. Rajagopala Char introduced Mr. T. Siddalingiaa the President of the Mysore Congress Parliamentaary Board Bangalore who arrived a few minutes prior to Mr. K. Ranga Iyengar s lecture coming to a close

Then Mr. Siddalingiah thanked the Tumkur Public for the celebrations of the Gandhi Saptaha and explained that Mahatmaji is an Avatar. He further spoke about Annie Beasant who he said had also fought for the freedom of the country. He explained how both had opened educational Institutuons and started newspapers for improving the country. Then the lecturer turned to the poverty

poverty and want of education in the country and the Congress Ministry in Governments trying to render their service in this behalf. He expressed that people want sufficient food and clothing and Mahatmaji has stated to stem the flow of wealth away from our country. To achieve this he had established the Charaka whereby he said that the 60 lakhs of the villagers living in the villages in Mysore would get work

Nextly he explained his having found people in many villages durigg his tour in 7 Districts being very poor. The average life of the people is the various countries, he quoted as follows:-

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While noting the above figures he referred to the people in England being sufficiently provided with the conveniences in its life for he said they sleep in cots, and do not walk in bare foot and are well clothed. Referring to Mysore he said that the percentage of literacy is 6½ %. Mysore he said is Good but outsiders have spoiled our Government servants by flattery. In Ramarajya he said the sons were not dying prior to their fathers. It was not so now. There is anything but Ramarajya now. Then he referred to their having been no rains in Shimoga District. In outside countries he said there is hejas in their face for they take all kinds of food required for the nourishment of the mind and body.

Talking of the improvements of the conditions of the poor he stated that " [illegible] ". Even in the villages he stated there is [illegible]. He expressed why even after seeing the impoverished condition of the people Government feel not ashamed. He said that the minds of all the Government servants must under

must undergo a change. He said that even in Municipalities, the hospitals and the maternity hospitals there is so much unbecoming behaviour. He said that about 3½ or 4 lakhs of rupees are spent to ards the construction of the lunatic asylum., that it is usele useless and fit for only Government servants themselves. Next he said that the Government are spending money lavishly over the beautification and electrification of villages. He quoted the instance of two gatepillars costing Rs 150/- having been fixed near a village (he did not name the village.) whereas the annual income ofas only Rs 144/- and the gutters in the village were breeding mosquitos. Then he quoted Santhebennur the revenue of which he said is Rs 800/- but a circle costing Rs 1000/- is being formed and still it is most insanitary. He said that the Dewan Saheb may be pleased to promote the Amildar. Then he spoke upon the S.D.O.s getting pillars and sign boards constructed as they liked in respect of villages costing hundreds of rupees. In Anekal he said the arch night cost about 3000 to 4000 rupees and also spoke about the insanitary conditions in the villages. He referred to the burning of lights over Chamundi Hills where He said even devils do not visit, in connection with which he said ಇದುವೆ ಚಾಮುಂಡಿ ಸೌಧದ ಮೇಲೆ ದೆವ್ವ ಕೆಲಸವಿಲ್ಲ, ಮೈಸೂರಿನ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಮೇಲೆ ದೆವ್ವ ಕೆಲಸವಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. Then he explained that they wanted freedom to assemble meetings and convey our views to Government but he said that even this is being denied to them. Here he referred to the Police Inspector excercising Magesterial Powers and taking away flags, some people teaching the public not to become congressmen and some noting their names after they had became members. (He did not quote any instances) He urged that the peoples should join hold meetings like this and expressed their views to Government to bring them round.

Again he stated that there is poverty in the villages and their having tried to represent grievances to Government To quote his words : ಹಳ್ಳಿಗರು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದು ಕೆಲಸವಿದ್ದರೆ ಅಹವಾಲು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದರೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಅಹವಾಲು ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ. with reference to the representation of grievances (which he said were not heeded to) he said that : ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಬಾರದ ಹೈದ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹೋದರೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಕರೆಯುವರು ಆದರೆ ನಾವು ಅಹವಾಲು ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಕೇಳುವವರಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು.

Next the lecturer stated that he had requested the Dewan Saheb once

once for visiting the villages with him without giving his programme and seeing the sad condition of the people. He said the Dewan Saheb might have visited Dodballapur recently to pay such a visit. He said that the address presented to Officers will all contain untrue things. Referring to the addresses given to His Highness at Chitaldrug His Highness may be under the impression that all people are happy. In this connection he referred to a poor woman who stopped His Highness's car and represented her grievances whose child was treated kindly and was also given a present. In this connection the lecturer said that Police Staff is got from all the 8 Districts on an occasion like this. He said His Highness had given 2000/- for water works whereas probably 1½ lakhs of rupees were spent for the expenses. He expressed if His Highness without visiting the places had only spent the same money for the sake of the villagers he could have got wells dug up in every village. In the reply to the address at Jagalur His Highness said that the Town of Jagalur was a flourishing one. But things were otherwise Next he expressed that they(public) were praying for the reduction of the number of districts to 6 whereas the Government has increased it by one, he referred to the royalty of 30 lakhs in respect of K.G.F. be raised to 40 next years and Government get 60 lakhs by Electricity and all together about 144 lakhs from industries and if they had only spent this money for the people they could have provided lights to every poor man's hut. Then he commented upon the use of the costly dome lights being used here and there and the dumping of such domes from the British. Then he said the Police watch them in their lecture fearing a no-tax campaign. But he said that when such a time comes they (congressmen) will issue a notice to the Government and follow such a movement. At present he said that they wanted to give necessary food and clothing to the public. He requested that the Government should follow what congress ministries are doing outside. In this connection he referred to his having requested the Dewan Saheb reduce his salary by Rs 1000/- and having received a reply that it

that it would not be reduced by even a hundred. He quoted C.Rajagopalachari of Madras as an example and said that Government servants go beyond 20 miles where they have to go 10 miles just to make up their T.A. Then he said people from one caste and Government servants another. Here he said that they were fighting for communal representations in Government service but the public derived no benefit whatever the number of Government servants coming to power. Then he referred to the People's Party joining the congress and complimented them and said that Congress gained more power and what could have been done by 5 years could be done in 6 months now. He added that even in 15 days 500 youths will be ready for Satyagraha. But when they want to follow Satyagraha they would issue a lawyer's notice to Government and do it. Thus there is no necessity for applying for 144 Cr.P.C. to them. Granting even they were applied he said that they (congressmen) were not afraid of. They would get Jawahrlal Nehru if the Government do not change their views and expressed 'let the Government put him to prison.' Therefore he prayed that Government servants should consider themselves as public servants. Exhorting people he said that they will go to jail suffer lathi charges and tell the Government servants that after all they are public servants. He said that some doctors behaved towards the patients as Jail Superintendents behaved towards criminals and butchers behave towards animals. He also said that there were good officers. But generally Government servants are very proud. He expressed that he could his work with mildness and love. But he said that times require harsh words so he has been using such languages as he has done against Government servants. Finally he exhorted the people to join congress at least, on the 1st October as he said that the time would be extended for joining the Congress. Here he referred to the Treasuries not closing the transactions, but extending the time for receiving revenue even after the end of the month.

The meeting terminated at 8-15 P.M. with Mr. G

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C.Rajagopalachar thanking the previous speaker and distributing the prizes to the students who lectured on Ghandhiji's life and histroy.

The gathering dispersed amidst cries of Bolo Bharath Mathaki jai amd Mahatma Gandhi ki Jai

Prominent among those present were:-

Mesrrs:- M.Neelakanta Rao, T.Subramanya, Bogadi [illegible] Gundanna. Brahmiah. B.C.Manjundiah. V.C.Rangaswamy Iyengar, D.Rama Rao, H.Venkatarayanna. M.V.Rama Rao and other students and citizens.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL. 14 OCT. 1937 NO 2937

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.

Received.....*Registered*.....

From (Name) M. V. V. Naik, Esq.,
(Designation) District Superintendent of Police, Rys. and C.I.D. in Mysore,
Post Box....., (STATION) Bangalore.
Telegraphic Address.....

DEWAN'S OFFICE 11 OCT. 1937 No. 2529

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL OCT 13 1937 No. 2090

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

No. ....., *dated* 9th October 1937.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES.....
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SPARE COPIES.....

I beg to submit herewith copies of the proceedings of the public meetings held in Doddaballapur and Bangalore on 7th October 37, taken down by the stenographers of my office for the information of Government.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL OCT 10 1937 No.....

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent of Police,
Rys. and C.I.D.

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Proceedings of the public meeting held in Doddaballapur on 7th October 37 at 7-10 P.M. under the auspices of the local congress committee.

The meeting commenced at 7-10 P.M. About 300 persons attended the meeting. Messrs. K.T.Bhashyam, V.S.Narayana Rao, N.N.Chandur and G.R.Swamy arrived at about 8-15 P.M. Mr. Thimma Reddy presided the meeting till the arrival of Mr. K.T.Bhashyam, who then occupied the chair.

On behalf of the public Mr.Channabasappa requested Mr. Thimma Reddy to occupy the chair and spoke in Kannada to the following effect.

"Gentlemen and friends- I think you all know why we have gathered here today and all of you might have read in the newspapers regarding the arrest of Messrs. T.Siddalingiah, Sitharama Sastry and Thagadur Ramachandra Rao under sections 108,112 and 118 Cr.P.C. They refused to give security and surety demanded by the Magistrate and so they were sent to jail. Mr. K.T.Bashyam succeeded Mr. T.Siddalingiah and he is the President of the congress Board now, and we should accept him as our president and be faithful to him hereafter. I request you all to clap your hands in token of having accepted him as our President. (Majority of the persons clapped their hands). Now I request Mr.Thimma Reddy to,address the gathering."

Mr. Thimma Reddy spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

"Gentlemen and friends:- I have not come here to make any speech. Mr. K.T.Bhashyam is expected to be here now. but he had sent a message that he would come late. So in order to engage you, I am telling you what little I know regarding congress and its activities. You may ask me why we in Mysore State, where there is our Maharaja ruling, should agitate and why there should be congress activities here? We want responsible Government just like in British India, and I do not mean that the present Government should be removed. But I mean that there should be a minister eclected by the public. Let him be a Mohamedan or Iyer. Let him be Sir K.Seshadri Iyer or anybody. You may also ask me why we

require responsible Government? You cannot understand the benefit and the loss of under the present government. Take for instance District Board member, who is elected by us and we approach him so easily and place before him our grievances. That is the case in British India in Madras Government. People can easily approach any minister, but here that is not the case, since our minister is not a elected minister. I tell you my experience in Madras when I was in Madras, Mr.Prakasam used to deliver lecture daily in Beach and Mr.Satyamurthy in Triplicane beach. If any of us want to attend the lectures with khadi caps the soldiers in the Fort St.George used to taunt us and even beat us. Now the same soldiers are afraid of khadi caps, because Govt. respect khadi caps. It seems once Mr. Gandhi replied "Prisoners of His Majesty today might become ministers tomorrow morning". In the same way Mr. Rajagopalchari became minister and during his short regime, he had prohibited drinking in Salem District and succeeded in his attempts. This is one of the benefits of the responsible Government. So we want Mr.T.Siddalingiah to be in the government as a minister. We are not here to disturb the peace of the Government. If Mr. T.Siddalingiah gets ministership, we are satisfied. We might also be put in jail tomorrow . To go to jail is a qualification nowadays. How many times Messrs. Prakasam and Rajagopalachari went to jail leaving their homes, wife and children? Government bow their heads to Mr. Gandhi on account of his doctrine of non-violence, through which we have achieved the present position. Look at the hunger strikes in Andamans, who also obeyed Ghandi's request, and put an end to it. Such is the effects of non-violence. We are not traitors, what we want is that our dewan should be elected by the public. Our Dewan might be intelligent and I do not mean this Dewan or that Dewan. There is a proposal going in the Central Government at Delhi that each native State should send a representative to the Central Assembly. In the coming Federation, we should send our elected representative. British are playing a trick to have majority in their side in the Central Government by having nominated representatives of the native States. So Mr. Rajagopalachari of Madras says, that India do

not require such Federation. He also said that the rulers of the native states are irresponsible. Just imagine what amount of difficulty there will be if we do not send our representative to the Central Government. This is the turning point for us. Let anybody come, he will preach for responsible government and without which we cannot get on. In Europe there are dictators like Mussoloni, Stalin and Hitler. Hitler gets only Rs.75-150. Look at his pay, he works for the ~~ax~~ sake of the country and not for his own benefit. He wants to get the lost prestige of Germany. We like to have such dictators here, but there are no dictators here. I am told by my friend Mr.T.Siddalingiah once, that 40 lakhs of rupees was spent to carve the Statue of the late Maharaja-Chamraja Wodeyar and it was carved by some Italians and others. Why should we spend so much over that? We could have spent the same money in ~~ax~~ a better way- improving education, sanitation, rural reconstruction, and building hospitals necessary. Atleast if that amount was spent in supplying milk to the children just as they do in foreign countries, our children would have become strong and they would be grateful to His Highness for ever. Why should Government spend lakhs of rupees over buildings like District Board office and Technological Institute? Imagine how Govt. waste money in this way. I am told by my friend Mr.Sriknatiah that in some State, where they have got a motor bus containing all medicines and medical apparatus. The bus goes to each and every village with a doctor and four nurses and attend every patient in the village. Look at the Hyderabad State which is the 2nd richest Nizam is the 2nd richest man in the world. He is not spending and wasting money. We have a debt to the extent of 29 crores. This is the financial condition of our State. You all know that our leader Mr.T.Siddalingiah might become first minister, if responsible Government were to come. There must be responsible Govt. and it will come today or tomorrow. Perhaps our Dewan might vacate his seat after declaring responsible Govt. because he weilds much influence with His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. There are 65 lakhs of people who are prepared to work for the responsible government. Let

me see how many Governments are there, who are opposed to it. There is no use of having our Representative Assembly and Legislative Council where we could do nothing practically. They go and come without any result. Mr. Rajagopalachari get only Rs. 500/- per mensem and he had contributed some amount out of his personal funds for the uplift of Harijans. Our Dewan gets 5000/- and let me know for what purpose he has given charity. Ministers like Prakasam and Rajagopalachari travel in 3rd class nowadays. Why? It is not only from the financial point of view but there is anohter inner object in it I.E. improv the 3rd class compartments. M.&.S.M. Rys.Co. have already taken action to keep the compartments clean and tidy. The ministers are not getting more T.A. and D.A. as our officers get here. They wear Khadder and they are very simple. Ministers are easily accessible to the public, but here it is rather difficult to have that privilege. Look at the attitude of the officers here and Madras. Dewan and Chief Secretary and other Govt. officers are our servants and do work according to our wish. I.C.S. officers think very high of themselves and criticise the Amateur Ministry. Are they not carrying out the administartion now more efficiently? I have not seen a man like Mr. Prakasam, whom you all might have seen when he had been here about a few months back. He is very simple, intelligent, capable and highly cultured. He was a barrister in Madras and he was also offered a job by Govt. some years ago. If he had taken that job, he would have become one of the judges in the High Court. Govt. could not succeed. Our Highness is a very pious and good man, but he must be guided properly. We do not like to have duffers as our Dewan. Our Dewan came to this position suddenly and more quickly by his good luck. Generally Dewan's position is given after a long years of service. Since our Highness could not visit each and every village, and find the difficulties of the people, a minister is appointed. Our friend Mr. T. Siddalingiah very recently visited all the villages and enquired in detail their difficulties and greivances and he had sacrificed his life for the benefit of the people, leaving his home, wife and children I ask you why such a man should not be made minister? Everyone of us should become leaders. You and I cannot hope to get some position in the congress.

They will judge the merit and give them position. Congress people are not tempted by any bribe or money. Take for instanc Mr. Jawaharalal Nehru, he would have got lakhs of rupees from rich persons in Bombay. if he had given up the idea of spreading socialism in India. We want such leaders to guide us. Mr.K.T Bashyam is made president because people have confidence and faith in him. We made him a dictator in place of Mr.T.Siddalingiah. I think you know the case of Mr.S.Venkatapathia. We do not want such people in the congress.

The congress ministers have announced that they are going to reduce the land tax (kandayam) by four annas in a rupee. I am only addressing you to keep you engaged till the arrival of Mr.K.T.Bhashyam. We should be prepared to undergo any sort of suffering for the sake of our leader Mr.T.Siddalingiah."

At this stage-about 8-15P.M. Mr.K.T.Bhashyam and his party arrived and Mr.Thimma Reddy requested Mr.K.T.Bashyam to address the gathering. Mr.K.T.Bashyam spoke in kannada to the following effect:-

"Gentlemen and friends- I am feeling sorry for one thing and feeling glad for the other thing. I feel sorry, because my friend Mr.T.Siddalingiah, who used to be with me when I visit your place is not with me today. I feel glad because he has sacrificed his life for the benefit of the public and suffer imprisonment for the sake of our country. He was working honestly for the righteousness. You all should bear this in your mind and begin to work with the spirit that he was working. We leaders work for the benefit of the people and sacrifice our lives to eradicate poverty from our country, and to get responsible Govt. Mr. T.Siddalingiah also worked for the welfare of the poor people and for the right cause. After his recent tour he told me about the difficulties of the poor, who wander in the villages without food and cloth, and how Govt. squeeze their blood and collect taxes from them. Our officers are enjoying luzurious life at the cost of the poor ryots. If the officers were to say that they are one among us, I ask them why they should not also share the sufferings of the poor. Are they eating more than what we eat. Certainly not. They are wrong. If they have real love towards the country, they should come forward first and set an example, by helping the poor, in getting education, medical relief, and improving sanitation in the villages. Mr. Siddalingiah visited villages and explained to the people the real situation of our country-the revenue of the Government and how the Govt spend that amount. Is it wrong? It is for that purpose he is today in jail. It is from this, he was asked to furnish surety and securety by the Magistrate in Bangalore City. Perhaps Govt do not like people working for the country. Whom else are they going to like? There is repression everywhere in the State against truth. If anybody speak the truth, he will be asked to furnish securety and surety by the Govt. So I request everyone-men, women and children to become leaders and face the situation. Mr.T.Siddalingiah went to jail yesterday and there are yet some more to go to jail. In order to keep your self-respect you should be prepared for the worst. It is for the truth we are struggling for and be prepared to go to jail for the same purpose for which Mr.Siddalingiah is suffering today. Are you going to enjoy when your leader is in jail? Or are you going to work for his release? We are suffering a good deal on account of irresponsible Government. Annas four a day earned by a poor man is snatched away by the Govt. on his way in the toddy and arrack shops. Poor persons hit hard by toddy shops and their family suffer by starvation. Are the Govt. justified in doing this?

Who are the mischief mongers? Is it Govt. or we, who fight out to remove all liquor shops in the State? Cries of shame, shame! I tell you gentlemen that such Govt. will not stand long. When we question the Govt. regarding this matter, the answer will be that they are losing revenue, lakhs of excise revenue. They wanted to have the poor man's money in the treasury and pay fat lasaries to the officers. Govt. themselves make people drink by having these shops. Instead of getting money in this way, why should not Govt. tax each man Rs.10/- and take money? Is it not a sin that the Govt. are committing in this way? If we bring this matter in the Assembly there come the voice have you tasted, what do you about the drink, and how Govt, comppensate that revenue. If the congress is in majority in the Assembly, then then Govt. will come down automatically. Think for a while how Madras Govt. is working with Mr. Rajagopalachari as Prime Minister, and how it was working formerly when Raja of Panagal and K.V.Reddy were ministers. I do not know whether you have ever seen Messrs.Rajagopalachar and Bhulusu Sambamurthy. They are so simple that nobody can say they are ministers. They look like a village sastries. I think you might have heard and read in the newspapers regarding prohibition in Salem District. On the midnight of 30th September the devil of drinking was driven out and all the toddy, and arrack shops were closed. Such is the condition in our neighbouring district. It appears that Madras Govt. requested Mysore Govt. to close all the toddy shops within five miles area of the Salem district border and our benign Govt. demanded compensation of about 60 thousand rupees to remove the shops. Is it right on their part? If we prohibit here thousands of families will lead a happy life and become good citizens. In Madras the ministers are working for Rs.500/- for the sake of the poor, and they do not like to get illegal revenue from the poor. If our Govt. do not take any action in the prohibition of sale of liquors in Mysore State, we must take action. Why all these trouble? Because of irresponsible Govt. If we get power to appoint them and to remove them they will come to terms. If we talk more we will be arrested. Yesterday they have arrested Siddalingiah, Thagadur Ramachandra Rao, and Sitharam Sastry. Mr.K.T.Bhashyam may also be arrested, who knows? Show me a person who is not committing any mistake in life. If we poor people were to do, we will be punished. If high class people were to do, it will not come to light. Formerly butter milk was not supplied to prisoners. Now when the congress came to power, they are supplying prisoners with butter milk. These are the benefit of responsible Govt. If you are all sincere workers, you should not get sleep till we achieve our object. If every one get this sort of spirit, I think you can get Swaraj in a moment. In British India when the congress persons, leaders like Gandhiji and Jawaharalal Nehru were arrested the peopl d not fear. They faced the situation boldly. Now, is the t for us. If we get responsible Govt. we need not worry and we will get freedom. Your place is a sacred place in Mysore State because my friend Mr.Siddalingial come from this place. You all should protect the honour of your place by cooperating with us in this movement. Today you all become members of the congress, wear khadder, and work for the release of your leader. All the people should cry at a time for the release of Siddalingiah and ask Govt. whether they are prepared to release him or not. You must have this sort of spirit in you. Then alone you will succeed. I see today that many friends here wear still foreign cloth. Are you not ashamed to wear it? Wear khadder, join congress and support congress. I advise you all to hold meetings frequently and pass resolutions after resolutions. Pass resolution expressing your sympathy to those who are in jail, condemn the repressive policy of the Govt. and agitate for the responsible government. Get freedom. Agitate in a peaceful manner. I request my friends to observe hartal on the 12th instant Durghastami day to honour our friends."

Mr.V.S. Narayana Rao then spoke for a few minutes in kannada and said that the people of Doddaballapur need not feel sorry for the arrest of their leaders-Messrs.T.Siddalingiah, Thagadur Ramachandra Rao and Sitharama Sastry, becuase they went to jail for good cause and they should work right earnestly and sincerely for their release. He also dwelt upon the prohibition scheme in Mysore State and advised people to join hands and work for the release of Mr.T.Siddalingiah and others Regarding prohibition he said that 60,000 rupees demanded by Government of Mysore is a very small amount-one year's pay of the Dewan Saheb and could have foregone it without any difficulty.

Mr. N.N.Chandur then said that the people of Doddaballapur should not keep quite and should agitate for the release of their leaders. He advised people to take up khaddi and join congress.

Mr.Thimma Reddy in his concluding speech requested the audience to follow Mr. K.T.Bashyam and to carry on the hartal on the 12th instant successfully and to show their strength to the Government.

Then Mr.Muguvalappa read from Janavani the statement of Messrs. T.Siddalingiah, Thagadur Ramachandra Rao and Sitharama Sastry given before the Magistrate.

The meeting terminated at about 9-30 P.M. after prayer and shouting of congress slogans.

Sd/- N. Kanappa Mudaliar,

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Proceedings of a public meeting held under the auspices of the Bangalore Congress committee, in the Banappa's Park, Bangalore on the evening of 7-10-37

The gathering numbered about 300 persons of whom Messrs. Ramalal Thivari, G.R.Swamy, Magadi Narayana Setty, N.N.Chandur Vasappa Gogi of Shimoga, K.T.Bashyam, and C.N.Narasinga Rao were prominent. The latter two arrived a little late.

The speeches were all in kannada.

Mr. N.N.Chandur on behalf of the audience proposed Mr. Ramalal Thivari to preside on the occasion with a short introduction as to his position in the public life as Vice President of the Bangalore City Municipality, of the City congress committee and a municipal councillor from a long time.

Mr. Ramalal Thivari spoke to the following effect:-

"Mr. Chandur has asked me to preside on this occasion because I was at one time a vice-president of the local congress and also retain my connection with the congress even now. As you see, I am old and you may wonder why this xxxx old man is chosen to be the chairman for today's work. I think Mr. Chandur has thought that congress workxx needs, not only the activities of the youth, the young but also the aged. I request you as a whole irrespective of your age considerations to allow the congress work to be carried on smoothly. Many are showing keenness in the congress work because we see that congress has done x something in the way good for the people elsewhere and therefore that it should be same here also. There are many speakers and I request you to give a patient hearing."

As announced by the chair, Mr. Chandur read the message given by Mr. T.Siddalingiah both on his behalf as well as his comrades now in jail. The english version and the kannada versions of the message were read.

"The security proceedings against the congress leaders, Messrs. Seethrama Sastry and Thagadur Ramachandra Rao are bound to cause widespread excitement and bitterness among the people of the State. With the modification of the prohibitory orders in Bangalore City and withdrawal of security cases which have been kept pending, it was hoped that the Government were anxious to promote public peace and tranquility. It seems however, that the Police are not so inclined. Had it been otherwise, they would have created no need for these hundreds to gather. I ask then who would give the security now. These proceedings a are a challenge and an insult to all the public workers. Those who plead the cause of the country and those who condemn the extravagance and waste on the part of the Government, those who advocate reduction in the fabulous salaries of the officers, those who decline the immoral revenue from prohibition and drinks, and those who in a word, demand the establishment of Responsible Government in Mysore, are today faced with the alternative either to furnish security and be silenced or get into jail and be choked up.

What should be our answer to this challenge except the honourable? Better far to be behind the prison bars than bow down in dishonourable obedience to such repression. I hope the people of Mysore will rise in one man in protest against the execution of encroachment on the fundamental rights of citizenship. I request you all people, congressmen or otherwise, to protest and safeguard the rights and liberties of the people by observing the 12th October 1937 as the "Repression Day" all over Mysore by holding meetings and passing resolutions, congratulating our friends, condemning the repressive acts of the Government and demanding the immediate establishment of Responsible Government in Mysore, in the name of country, in the welfare of the people and I hope their voice in the cells

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behind the prison bars will reverberate throughout the country as the cries of freedom of the land".

Mr. Magadi Narayana Setty spoke to the following effect:-

"Gentlemen and Chairman, This day I came to Bangalore on some other work. Our president here asked me to speak something and I shall therefore do so with a few words and close my speech. The way in which the Government is working its repressive policy is known to you all. It is with big expectations that our representatives are sent to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. They are the bodies belonging to the people who pay the assessments and keep the Government machinery going. It is therefore the duty of members of such bodies to place the grievances of the people before the Government in respect of the people's poverty and the true difficulties. To improve this sad condition of the poor, it is only possible by reducing the salaries of the Government officers and make the savings ~~xx~~ available for the needs of the poor and to give them at least a meal.

For this end, the Congress has been considered to fight for the object and it is the example set up by Mr. Gandhi. There is no objection to go in a systematic and constitutional manner. Our Maharaja has been showing kindness to the people. Why Government is showing a hatred? Why not the Government itself make the people better? They have no intention perhaps. Why not the Government officers come forward and say now "Let the people carry on their own Government? Why not like that in Madras? Why a repressive policy? That will only bring into vehemence the attitude of the people against Govern,ment. Government also should consider whether the congress is not doing work for the people. In Mysore there is a kind of Maharaja. During His Highness Regime, it is very easy to arrange for a Responsible Government. The spirit for it should come up from the bottom of hearts of the people. Unless there is a cry from the public, we shall not be able to be bold to say no. There is no objection in demanding the Responsible Government.

You elect the people for the Representative Assembly. That is true. Then who should represent you in all matters of the State? There is the question of the State joining the Federation Such a question should come before the Representative Assembly andthe Legislative Council in as much as it should be considered to have been placed before the public. How it will ~~xxxxx~~ become justified if the Government do it by themselves? I brought a resolution before the ~~Representative Assembly~~ District Board which admitted it but when the question of discussion at the Representative Assembly came, the Dewan asked it to be held up and vittoed it. Then what ~~xxxxx~~ should we do in the Representative Assembly? Even if we move it in the R.A. he will ask us to sit down. Do you send your representatives with this idea? Of course, we are expected to work with non-violence and peacefulness. So, if you people join like this in meetings and say to Government by means of resolutions that the R.A. members are your representatives, you may be able to hope for the better. Mr. K.T. Bashyam had come and he will tell you in detail."

Mr. K.T. Bashyam spoke to the following effect:-

"Chairman of the meeting and gentlemen, Today the ~~xxxxx~~ reason why we have gathered here is known to you all. Some four months back in Bangalore City, the City Magistrate passed an order under Section 45 M.P.R. The people in Bangalore City it appears to have been considered naughty and that they should not join in meetings, take no procession and so on. In the whole of India, a good country if there is any, it is Mysore. In Mysore, it is Bangalore City worth the fame. In such a city, such a blame was casted on the people. They ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ were treated like cattle (cries of shame). For the past four months, they have been looking at our methods which are peaceful

and non-violent. Sometime later, they took back the Sec.45 and we thought that our good conditions arose and we also thought of the goodness of our Government. But it wasonly momentous. Within 24 hours they sent different orders and securety sections were imposed to be obeyed or to court jails.

Just consider our three members: Messrs. T.Siddalingiah, M.Seetharama Sastry and Thagadur Ramachandra Rao. Mr. Siddalingiah was a lawyer, a rich man and a man who has travelled all over the world, studied the administartionof several countries. Has he no consideration of the administration point of view? Do you think that he will not speak to the good of the people? He is also a member of our Legislative Council. He has now been treated as an ordinary man to furnish security of good behaviour. There is no one I think who has not heard of Mr. Seethrama Sastry in Mysore State. He has rendered his service to the country on many occasions. Now there is prohibition order against him. Mr Thagadur Ramachandra Rao is next to Gandhi in our State. He is such a peaceful man who never utters even a harsh word even when he was about to be beaten. He is such a good man and it is against such a person security proceedings to take place. They have to obey or must go to jail. Let us see what we can show and do in the court. They have been accused of treason. Let us see how far we can defend it. We shall not depend on others for our lead but take initiative on our own. Let us be men or women, we must give up the fear of getting into jail. When people are starving, our officers are taking from Rs.2000 to 5000. How are they justified in taking it? Is it not right and justified to say so? Is it not truth? Our State is called a Model State. There are no roads nor drains in our villages. Why 75 more than 90 per cent have no education. 12,000 villages have no hospitals. 10,000 villages have no schools. There are no other facilities too.

There is one more nuisance. The Government have established toddy shop on the road side and take off that half of the hard earned money of the labourers.

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If we do not establish truth we cannot work for the good of the people. In making truth to triumph, we must be prepared to go to jail if necessary. Do not think it a great shame if we go to jail in our cause. The time has become for us to be bold. When there was peace in our work, the police have done an act of disturbance. It is from the Police, I think you will agree, that security should have been taken because they are responsible for creating unrest among the people.

The people should form resolutions here and there that they do not agree with the conditions of the Government and say that such restrictions should not be imposed upon them. Because it is an irresponsible Government, such things are taking place; otherwise it would be different. They think "What can the people do when they are imposed with such restrictions? But all the same, we get our salaries on the 1st of every month without fail." Therefore what we should do is this. "If you should get salaries , you must take them more on our policy" Otherwise you shall have to remain that God has created the people for the Government and not that people created the Govemment. Till the Responsible Government established itself, our uproar throughout the State regarding our three friends in jail must go on.

Congress hastaken up the people's cause. You must join the congress. The Government also must have understood that similar conditions that exist in Madras will arise here also. It is quite true. You must give your support. Even the Epic Rama in spite of his supreme powers could not fight single handed. Just as he wanted the help of even trifles,

the congress leader Mr. Gandhi wants your help. For congress men Gandhi cap is the only weapon. (the capital jewel that fights for truth). There are thousands of people joining the congress to avoid slavery and you must become members to the congress.

In Madras they (the Government) are the foreigners. In our country, everybody is ours. There is Mr. Rajagopalachari is our own man if not a relative. Should we have any difference of opinion in a common cause? As a matter of that, everyone individually is good. Each man will talk nicely. We become enamoured almost of his speech. But when they (the members of the Government) become united, they go bad.

Sir Mirza has spoken sweet on so many occasions and places. But when he sits in the office, his pen cannot move to stop the drinking. "60 lakhs of rupees of revenue would be xxxx lost and thinks of it. How can the salaries be paid "will be foremost in his brains.

In Madras Mr. C.Rajagopalachari is satisfied with Rs.500/- Why Rs.5000/- here? We send up our representations for discussions and if they are disallowed in the Houses, by the President, we must get back to Banappa's Park only to discuss. Our strength lies in the people and what is there in Government?

Late Mr. Venkatakrishniah (G.O.M. of Mysore) is known to every one. He said that every nation and Government gets the Government and the nation it deserves. Repressive Governments and irresponsible governments will remain till we have removed them. If you want to get rid of dirt in your house, you ought to take a broom stick and give a clean sweep.

If Government orders that Mr. T.Siddalingiah has to remain in jail, it is not shameful for us? We shall have to be sorry for it. I am asking, this as the basis, that you must determine and make necessary arrangements. First congress membership with a view to secure Responsible Government. If we get Swaraj there would be no difference between ourselves. What are swallowed too much may be taken out from there and give it for the others outside. What good can there be by looking at somebody's huge balance? It is for this we must have Responsible Government."

Mr. Bashyam then referred to the recent flood havoc in the Mysore District and appealed to the audience to give their help according to their mite.

"If I am here I will speak at the next meetings otherwise, the next man to me in the office will do it. Now the flow of truth has begun and Gandhiji has given the head-line. We are going to say aloud that there will be no victory for the security section".

Mr. Vasanna Gogi spoke next:-

"Chairman and Gentlemen, The president has ordered me to speak on this occasion something. Accordingly, I speak a few words. My speech may be insipid after Mr. K.T.Bashyam's. The present Government of Mysore has attempted to rule by a repressive policy which is known to you all. A few months back, Mr. Masani told you that there was no Ramarajya in Mysore. The congress is out for its work of stopping drinking for the good of the people. Our president Mr. T. Siddalingiah when he travelled in the Shimoga District, at Channagiri section 144 was passed by an ordinary Police Inspector without any authority. The same Police Inspector

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pulled out the congress flag from the president's car. When it was told that the meeting place was a private one, many helped and soon became congress members. During his travel in Chitaldrug, the police themselves admitted that there was nothing objectionable. There is no restriction to hoist congress flag on private properties. There is no need to tell you why the congress has been established in Mysore. The congress minister in Madras has reduced 75 per cent of his salary. The congress members are doing more work than those who take more. I therefore request you to support the congress. Mr. Siddalingiah created a new life in Shimoga. He has preferred jail to shameful submission. This is an example.

Mr. C.N.Narasimha Rao spoke last:

I came here only like you to this place; but the ~~president~~ president has asked me to speak something. You have heard from the speeches you have heard. If we see the conditions of Government now, there appears to be a sort of fear in itself. After the Rendition, I ~~say~~ may say, that there was no such meeting. Anyone would not like such a meeting to take place. We are not having the same kind of Government as existed in the British Rajya. Then why should we want to request His Highness like this. Government I think have misconstrued ideas and treat people like dacoits and to demand security from. What a justification? Is there no call to work on the Gandhi's programme? Would it be right to demand of the persons who are after him of securities for good behaviour? Thousands of people have gone to jail for the sake of the country. Government may show to the people that they have formed Squares and Circles and illumined roads. But what is that we are asking Government? It is food for the poor, Madras is ten times bigger than Mysore. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari's open-heartedness is incomparable. Salaries have been reduced. If we save Rs.48,000 per annum from one appointment, it will be an enormous sum for the State for the year. You may consider to join the congress and give your support.

Sd/- M. Srinivasa Murthy,

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Your most obedient servant,

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
BANGALORE DISTRICT.

SVS.9-10-37.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

AMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

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10th October 1937.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
9 OCT 1937
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OFFICE OF THE
SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.
12 OCT. 1937
NO 2855

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I send herewith copies of four reports received from the Dist: Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City on Political matters for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely,

Submitted.

10/10/37

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1st Member
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B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the
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Vasantha Mahal,

Mysore,

11th October 1937.

My dear Mirza,

I am desired to return herewith, after submission to His Highness the Maharaja, a letter from the Inspector-General of Police forwarding copies of four reports received from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, on political matters.

Yours sincerely,

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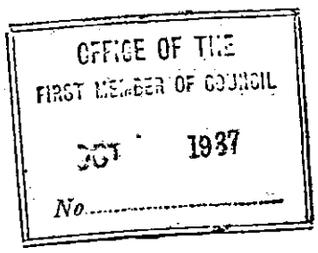
Strictly Confidential.

D. O. No. C.C.3/37

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
TUMKUR DISTRICT.

Dated Tumkur, the /Camp Mysore, 12th October 193 7.



DEAR SIR,

I enclose for the information of Government copy of a Circular letter issued to the subordinate Police Officers by the District Superintendent of Police, Tumkur in connection with the proposed observance of the Repression Day on the 12th.

The Circular has been issued in accordance with my instructions and with my approval.

Yours sincerely,

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For perusal.

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B. T. Kesava Iyengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Camp-MYSORE.

Strictly confidential.

Tumkur,
Dated, 10-10-1937

Dear sir,

In connection with the observations of the repression day on the 12th instant the Police Inspectors of all circles are requested to see that the meetings and assemblies that may be convened in their respective jurisdictions are watched. As for a s possible the Sub Inspector of the place may attend the meeting himself and at the taluk Head Quarters the Inspector may also be present. Verbatum reports(in English) of the speeches delivered at the meetings and assemblies and a report of all other activities in connection with the observation of the repression day may be submitted muddam so as to reach the undersigned on the 13th morning before 10 A.M. Meetings and assemblies in this connection need not as a rule be prohibited unless the Inspector and theLocal Magistrate anticipate an imminent breach of the peace. There need not be any display of officers and men in uniform in any place unless the Inspector deems it necessary to make such arrangements. If there is any move to hoist the national flag in a "Public Place" the same may be prevented.

Sd/- N. Puttarangaswami.
District Superintendent of Police.

To
All the Police Inspectors in the District.

"COPY"

Deputy Commissioner,
Tumkur District.

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Speech by Mr. N. C. Thimma Reddy at a public meeting at Dodballapur on 12th October 1937.

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Mahatma Gandhi has explained the meaning of congress movement in a few simple words. We should all wear Khadi. We should not drink any liquor. There should be Hindu Muslim unity. We should remove untouchability. There should be one common language. We must achieve all these things through non-violance. If we achieve them we will get Swaraj. The congress exists to achieve Swaraj.

We have now got responsible Government in all Provinces in British India. Here in Mysore, we should get such responsible Government. Mr.Siddalingiah demanded responsible Government and said that we should stop the draining away of the blood of the people in the form of revenues. For this he was jailed by Government. Sir Mirza, Dewan, says that he has been doing what Mahatma Gandhi has been preaching; but he does not talk of the reduction of salaries. The Government have not replied to our telegram requesting for the release of Mr. Siddalingiah before the 16th. They have thereby dishonoured Dodballapur. Sir Mirza says that the Government has been encouraging khadi and there is Hindu Muslim unity in the State. "His Highness the Maharaja is a Hindu and I, the Dewan am a Muslim. What else these facts required, says Sir Mirza. Previously Mysore Govt. meant Matthan's Government. Mr.Matthan was Mysore Mussolini. He encouraged Y.M.C.A. What has Y.M.C.A. done regarding the rural construction at Dodballapur." Why should Government spend much money over it?

Sir Mirza says that the Government have been doing prohibition work. He says that the number of drinking persons has gone down. But this is false. Mr. Sri Rajagopalachar has prohibited drinking in Salem District. But we do not find such men in Mysore.

Our Highness is a Maharishi. The Dewan is a Mussalman. His Highness does not go against the advice of Sir Mirza. Many Muslims have secured jobs during the administration of Sir Mirza. But we have no objections to it. We want only responsible Government. Sir M. Visvesvaraya was taking Rs.3000/- as his salary. Mr. Rajagopalachar takes only Rs.500/-. But Sir Mirza takes Rs.5000/-. The Members of Mysore Government do not possess even one tenth of the ability of Mr. Sree Rajagopalachar. But still these persons draw high salaries. The reason for demanding responsible Government for our State is that we wish to spend the revenues of the State for the good of the people. The Congress Government do not rob money from the people for the sake of their salaries. They take money to feed the people. The congress will bring such a Government.

The present Dewan has been ruling for the last 12 years. He must introduce responsible Government before he vacates. Mr. Siddalingiah must become the Prime Minister. If Sir Mirza makes up his mind, he will introduce responsible Government. He has got such ability. Certain people in the Palace do not like him. His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore is in England for this purpose. Sir Mirza controls the Press. That is why "Hindu" does not publish any thing about our movement. As long as there is Sir Mirza, Sir Todhunter will be the Private Secretary to His Highness. He has got a European Inspector-General of Police. Thus the Government is encouraging foreigners. If Congress Government is established all these things will be set right. We must send our representatives to the Federal Government. To-day the old Government is gone. The Congress Government has come. We buried the repression of the Government under this National Flag. There is Congress Government from 12th October 1937.

Before Sir Mirza goes, he will get us responsible Government. Hence forward there will be no such person as Dewan. Our Dewan is a patriot. He is a Nationalist and has got sympathy towards us. But he is afraid of British Government and the Resident. We should have responsible Government in all Native States.

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In all future communications please quote
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Tel. Address.—"DEPCOM"
Post Box No. 34.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE.
BANGALORE DISTRICT.

Dated, ~~Bangalore~~, the 11th October *193*7.
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FROM
DEWAN'S OFFICE
21 OCT. 1937
No. 2243

H. V. Ramaswami, Esq., M.A.,B.L.,
District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

To

B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief *Secretary,*
to the Government of Mysore.
Camp - Mysore.

C.S. 13/10

Sir,

Subject:—

I have the honour to forward herewith for your information, copy of the reports of proceedings of Public Meetings held at (1) Banappa's Park and (2) at Munireddipalyam, Bangalore, on the 9th instant, under the auspices of the Local Congress Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H V Ramaswami

District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

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For perusal.

For Member / Dewan

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PROCEEDINGS OF A PUBLIC MEETING HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CONGRESS COMMITTEE IN BANAPPA'S PARK AT 6.15P.M. ON 9TH OCTOBER 1937 TO CONDEMN ಮೈಸೂರು ದಬ್ಬಾಳಿಕೆ.

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The meeting commenced about 6.15 P.M, with an attendance of about three hundred people.

Mr.H.N.Chandur first spoke in Kanarese. He said.-

Friends you know why we have all assembled here. It is to condemn the repressive policy of the Government. Mr. K.T.Bashyam Iyengar, the President of the II Council of Action, is going to talk to you this evening. Repression is going on and our work is to suitably reply to this Repression. This Repressive policy, instead of retarding the growth of the power of the public has indirectly made them assert themselves by condemning the repressive actions of Government. To be successful, we have many difficulties to overcome. One such is - distribution of news. The present day newspapers are not helping the movement as they ought to. Why? Government is contributing a large amount in the shape of advertisements and the papers fear to publish anti-Government news for fear of losing this subsidy. They circulate only news and views favourable to Government. Let us take, for example, the recent strike of the workers of the Imperial Tobacco Factory, Bangalore Cantonment. Nearly two thousand of our brethren have suffered miseries which remain untold. Newspapers have never brought this suffering of the poor strikers into light. This clearly shows the grip Government has over public organs, of course, through the medium of advertisements, Etc., which should drive us to encourage and support only those papers that give real news with the correct views. Now Mr.K.T. Bashyam will talk to you.

Mr. K.T.Bashyam Iyengar next spoke in Kanarese. He said.-

President and friends. I spoke with you day before yesterday and to-day I have nothing new to add. New ideas occur as we think, and this therefore, can be our daily talk. We know what poverty is, even in this so called Model State. Outsiders take it for granted that this is the

best State and talk of it in high terms. They eulogise Mysore in precious terms for its cool climatic condition, its abundance in the supply of human amenities, flowers, fruits, vegetables & to. They see the good broad-heartedness of the people and also see loveable good qualities in His Highness and the Dewan. In this happy vein they conclude that Mysore is a happy place for people to live in. It may be true to a certain extent. With the three great rivers in and around Mysore, its innumerable wells with plentiful supply of water, timely rains, the best arable land, and last but the most important its rich and fabulous gold mines, Mysore can indeed be reckoned as the most prosperous. Recall the olden days when the great Sankaracharya, Ramanujacharya &to., came down to our country during days of stress and strife and you will understand why outsiders have a high opinion of Mysore.

The popularity of Mysore and its Government is contributed not only by its prosperity, but by the newspapers as well. Newspapers are well paid by Government for advertisements and lest they lose this profit, they publish about the beauty spots of Mysore, its wealth, its Government resting on responsibility and so on. Money flows in thousands from the coffers of Government into the hands of supple journalists, who for the mere love of mint supply favourable articles on everything concerning ~~EVERYTHING~~ Mysore. The effect of such articles resounding in platitudes is, foreigners have a high opinion of this State as Model Mysore. If some of our local papers, such as Janavani, Tai Nadu &tc., public facts with correct views, which necessarily, as at the present juncture, will be anti-Government, they will at once be hauled up by the Chief Secretary or others of his ilk and warned that their licenses will be cancelled. Thus we find the 'Hindu' and the 'Madras Mail' publishing what the Government approves, to earn its goodwill and its advertisement as well. Thus, these papers have, so to say, become the Publicity Department of the Mysore Government.

Leading visitors to Mysore, such as Congress leaders and other great minds are made guests of the Government, shown round the beauty spots of the State, the good things that its ~~Karnataka~~ Government is doing and will continue to do, sometimes bettering the Congress ideals even. By pampering to the

tastes of their guests Government makes the stay of leaders pleasant. This diplomatic behaviour disarms any and every suspicion of our leaders regarding the policy of the Mysore Government, with the result Mysore has its Model name. Personal experience has shown me that even staunch condemners of the British Government and its policy have the highest opinion of Mysore and its Government after a pleasant stay in this State at the invitation of His Highness or his Dewan. Such unqualified opinions of our own leaders raise Mysore to its model stage. But I, for one, cannot understand how Mysore is a Model State. Model because, I suppose, Mysoreans are patient and submit themselves to any action of Government and its consequences. Is Mysore Model because of its bright lights, which exist only in towns. To understand this truth let us go and see in some of our villages, say Yathriguppe and you will find the utter absence of these electric lights. Let us turn to the food problem. Out of 60 lakhs as much as 50 lakhs never enjoy a single good meal a day Is this a Model State? Let us now turn to the literacy of our state. 56 lakhs out of 60 are illiterate. Is the existence of illiteracy a compliment to the Model State of Mysore? Or do the 58 lakhs of debtors existing in Mysore contribute to the propp roup rous of Model Mysore. I say wherever such absurditisin exist that place cannot be called a Model. Without proper public amenities such as wells, schools, hospitals &c. how can we call Mysore a Model? You may, fina the Model Mysore clothes in beauty, but are its people how well they are clothed???

Three and three fourths crores is the revenue of Mysore. Where does this go? If they are not for the welfare of the country public let this money be handed over to us and see what we can do. Is intelligence the manopoly of government? We are capable as Mr. Brakenbury has said of Mr.Rajagopalachari of his great capacity, to do good and even better than those in government. I may say that we public are in a way more fitted to be in govt. than those who are adorning its seats, for the simple reason that their activities decrease to the proportion of their increasing riches. When they are thus prone to laziness they naturally shirk to bear the burdens and for all we ge their reply is "Where should money come from?" The whole amount of 3¾ crores is contributed

by us. If we demand for improvements in respect of eduction, sanitation &c. Government reply that it has not got sufficient funds to meet these demands. ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ We do not want money. We will appoint an youth as an officer in each village for all the 16,000 villages and be required to help them in their sanitary, commercial & so many intimate problems. Thus can peace and contentment reign in all the 16,000 villages. But what istpo present govt. is doing. Say, to set something right the Dewan issues orders to the Deputy Commissioner, who in turn passes it on to his assistants & they to their subordinates until finally it reaches the Sharbhog and the patel and there is an end of the matter.. Consider the time wasted, the delay caused and the futile results.

Government have done something good, I acknowledge, But their present activities are not so. We cannot tolerate their repressive policy. A boy in this civilised ages rebelling against the parent if forced to mug the Amarakosa ~~xx~~ is synonymous to what will happen in the state. Government may point out their support for the khadi movement? They have started a khadi centre at Badanaval as only an eye wash. Are they giving real enccouragement? If so, why not the heads of government wear khaddi. If the Dewan, Councillors and Dep.Commission-re wear khadi, the S.D.O's. and Head Clerks will also follow them. If they wear Lalimli the others will necessary follow suit. Let us go into their platitude of the support for home industries. What help have they given to the brass industry at Kundi. For lack of encouragement and support, it has resulted in complete destruction. What happiness is there in this country? Taxes and tithes are increasing and swelling the revenue of the state, but it is a pity to see the public striving and suffer ng without adequate facilities. The existance of the H.A. and the Leg.Council may indicate the responsible govt. but what is it in reality that is going on. The members there bring in resolutions, argue and pass them .Some resolutions are disallowed. The Dewan andmembers of Council give a patient hear to such things. But when these clash against the carefully laid out plans of government they are forgotten and never carried out. How long can we tolerate such a state of things? Is it honourable for us to submit long to such a condition. We want to govern ourselves.They may say we are not capable. But benevolent autocracy cannot be preferred even to blundering democracy. To say that govt. is responsible are they taking us into their confidence. Federation is being talked of. and some representatives are being sent from hereto discuss this subject. Who they are we do not know. Our opinion is not considered and such of us who wax loud are looked down in derision. To whom does this federation belong? Who are to to enjoy it? Is it the govt. or the people? It is the people. Governme t is for the people and not the people for the govt. Govt. should obey the bequests of the people.

Government should clearly understand this and if not may I ask as how long we are going to be overruled. Consider the fate of the Great Empire and its Union Jack. Today the Congress has won and with its leaders in office, the national flag is flown. Union Jack has disappeared. This should make us understand that repression will not and cannot stand for long on this earth. The government by the people can only exist. To say we want to take part in the government. This the government object. Is imagining xxxxx this going to be long? Take us into your confidence. If not do you wish us to suffer. Look at British India, the struggle there for independence, the misery undergone and the number that ent to jails. Some even sacrified their lives in this struggle. Is it the pleasure of the government that we Mysoreans should undergo the same tortures? That we should suffer in the same way as those in British India is not I hope the avowed policy of government. We wish our government to acquiesce to all our requests. All the facilities and amenities wanted by us and in short all we want may be talked of loudly by a person like me. Government may find these unpalatable and arrest and lock me up. Will this agitation be stopped? Government think that we are all cattle and sheep. If I go to jail, some other man will take up my role.

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If there are any C.I.Ds. in this place, let them report our requests to government. If responsible government is established we will not appoint C.I.Ds. Everyone should enjoy freedom. Why should there be C.I.Ds. on us? If there are any C.I.Ds. let them please note and report to government that the country is ours and not of xxxxxxx either the Dewans or Councillors. They never built this State. Our fathers, grandfathers & forefathers are responsible for building it. It is I who attend the court, earn and pay the income tax. The ryot works in the fields day and night and pays the revenue tax. The whole amount of 3½ crores is derived in this manner. The country is therefore necessarily ours.

It is bounden duty to establish responsible government under the aegis of His Highness. So we have to struggle for the ultimate establishment of this responsible government. We beg of His Highness to know that we should be taken into his confidence. Any such representative who does not conform to our ideals is certainly liable to be pulled and pushed down. Like father unto son, let this be settled and peace with contentment sign here.

I must have the privilege of electing officers who should be responsible to us. Today we want to establish responsible government. By the grace of Sri Durgadevi of Chamundi we are going to win even under the stresses of many difficulties. Again and again I stress and beg of government that we should be given the true responsible government, where everyone high and low, rich and poor will have equal privileges. If not, if obstructed, suppressed, there will be trouble ahead, and neither the government nor the public will have peace. But I am sure we will succeed in the end. If Government goes on with its present repressive policy I see trouble before us. I clearly visualise difficulties for the people and trouble to the government. But I believe that we will have responsible government and I appeal to them for this state of condition to be brought into existance. This is my fond hope and fervent prayer. But I do not know what the future holds.

Next Jamal Khaji Mohamed Maulana Sahib, a member of the Madras District Congress Committee and a member of the Executive Committees of Madura and Tamil Nadu Congress Committees spoke in Tamil and the same was translated into Kannada by Mr. Ithayan.

He said : " I pray Almighty for having given me an opportunity to address you this evng. I came here with the intention of witnessing the Dasara celebrations which I heard would be celebrated with great pomp by your High Highness and thousands of people would go to Mysore. My object is not only this, but I want to see whether Your Highness is sympathetic towards the poor and villagers or only towards the citizens.Our people think that Mysore is a very happy country wherein all facilities have been provided for the poor. Congress was formed mainly for the uplift of the poor masses and is struggling since 52 years. The fight since 15 years under the leadership of Mr.Gandhi through non violence and Truth, has resulted in complete success. The greediness to acquire more and more possessions and power and to set up one nation against the other has been increasing in foreign countries. Mr.Gandhi started this righteous war not to conquer any country but to achieve freedom. Congress governments have been established in 7 provinces by his efforts. (Claps) I ask you why should there be obstacles and prohibitory orders in your place when the neighbouring provinces are enjoying freedom. British Government thought that our struggle for freedom would not be successful as they it possessed machine guns, rifles and a huge army and we would run away by the mere presence of their weapons. But Mr.Gandhi infused courage in us and made us to stand boldly and fight with the govt without any arms. Many were under the impression that freedom could not be achieved by non violence and wanted to face the govt. directly, as a result of which many were sent to Andamans. They have realised now that freedom can only be achieved by Mr.Gandhi's principle and not by any other means. What is the situation in foreign countries?

Italy swallowed Abyssinia with machine guns, bombs and poison-gas &c. Is it a righteous war? How Japan wants to conquer China without any justification. One wants to takuxkka cut the head of another ✠ - even though they ~~xx~~ xxxxxx are all Christians and worship one God - Jesus Christ. They say that they are brothers and love each other while they are in the Church and as soon as they come out they try to take away each other's head. Should this be their policy? (Laughter) Mussolini and Hitler want to conquer the whole ~~xxxxxx~~ world. What have they done to their Countries? They are ruling with an iron hand. After the Great War, the League of Nations was formed with the object of avoiding wars in ~~xx~~ future. Representatives were sent to it from all countries. The League is formed by . When Italy conquered Abyssinia, the League did not interfere because it was afraid of Italy.

In India we are successful in the national war by means of non violence and the sacrifice of our countrymen It is the duty of everyone to be prepared ~~xxxxx~~ to sacrifice for the cause of the country and undergo difficulties. Our people have done yeoman services to the British. During the Great War, Germany was about to conquer France. It was the Gurkha troops that fought and defeated the Germans and saved France. We have got strength, courage and enthusiasm to work. But all these good qualities are hidden in the dark owing to the slavish mentality in which we are brought from a long period. Indians should act boldly. Government cannot resist us to carry on the propaganda of the congress which is meant for the prosperity of the country. In all the British Provinces national flags ~~xxxxx~~ are flown in place of the Union Jack. It is not possible for us to live honourably without strengthening the congress. I am surprised to know why your government has taken action against your three leaders and has asked them to furnish sureties. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Where was the necessity to proceed under Section 124A. I.P.C. against another leader? (Referring to Mahadeva Sastry) In our country political prisoners ~~xxx~~ were released unconditionally and govt. is also considering to release other ordinary prisoners. But in

in your country people who are outside prisons are sent inside them (Cries of shame). Who are responsible for this? Mr. RaJagopalachari was sent for by the Governor of Madras during April last for the acceptance of office on certain conditions. Lord Erskine thought that congress commands little influence and it will accept office on any terms which the government impose. But Mr.RaJagopalachari had the courage to decline the offer of the Governor. How did he get this courage? Because he had the support of the masses. Lord Erskine realised the power of the congress and inv ted Mr.RaJagopalachari again and requested him to accept office without any conditions. It is only the support of the people that brought success to Mr.RaJagopalachari. The same thing applies to this place also. Your silence makes the Dewan to think that you are satisifed and are in his favour, as a result of which he exercises power in any manner he likes. There was no necessity for the government to enforce several prohibitory orders when the congress proclaimed that it would not take up Satyagraha or resort to violence. Why should government be afraid and take such a drastic measure? Prohibitory orders are withdrawn all over the country, but in your State they are being enforced. Why should it not withdraw all these orders and release political prisoners? Congress ideals stand for peace and not to give trouble to others.

If there are Muslims here, I request them to cast off all differences and join with Hindus, Christians & others and fight for th common cause. Our Prophet has preached that every Mussalman should serve the country and create facilities for the good of all. He has said that "Service to country is service to God". If there is any difficulty in a particular community, others should also share and work for its removal. The sufferings of Arabs in Palestine belong to us also. If there is Swaraj in

India we would have helped and fought with them against their enemy. It is only self interested persons who want to gain favour of government and get titles create differences among communities.

Mussalman brothers! You must know that there great Muslim leaders in the congress like Abdul Azad Kalami & many others. So we should make distinctionx between Hindus and Muslims. A Mussalman will be true to kix Islam if he is a member of the congress; otherwise he is not a true Mussalman. Congress is not formed with self interested people. Only those who want to be slaves for ever, oppose the congress. They are cowards (Laughter). They are afraid to go to jails, and receive lathi blows from the police and sacrifice their lives and property. How can such men become our leaders? The Muslim League will meet at Lucknow on the 16th inst. & it wants to adopt a resolution for complete independence. Mr. Jinnah says there is no difference between the Muslim League and the Congress. ThexMuxkimxhangxmxhxx Practically he is working against the Congress. The Muslim League has no proper organisation, discipline and representation from all parts of the country, as the congress. No elected representatives are sent to the League, and there is Independent Party, Progressive Party &m. Pandit Jawaharlal is trying to enlist sympathy of Muslim masses and we are sure that the Muslim League and other muslims will join the congress. Mr. Yacoob Hussain, Congress Minister of P.W.D. in Bombay is also attending the League's meeting and it is our fervent prayer that he would alter the views of the members and amalgamate the League with the Congress.

Whether we are Hinuds, Muslims, Christians &c. all are sailing in the same vessel manned by Pandit Jawaharlal to the coast of Freedom. There are many obstacles in the path. like the Govt. of India Act of 1935 &c. We should all unite, sinking off differences and internal strifes and help the Congress President to take the vessel safely to its destination. How can this object be achieved if there are misunderstandings?

Some may say that they are a minority community and want greater representation in the govt. It is the duty of the congress to give them equal privileges and they need not be afraid. In Orissa a minority community went and represented to the Governor for ~~xxxxx~~ representation of their community in the Ministry, for which the Governor directed them to approach the congress which was only able to settle their claim and he cannot interfere in that matter. Why should the minor communities be afraid when congress to provide facilities to all communities equally. If all the parties do not unite the vessel is sure to sink down and with it everyone whether he belongs to a major or minor community is bound to go down. Therefore I request you to work for the congress and be its leaders. Muslims were responsible for handing over this wealthy country to the British. Therefore, a greater responsibility rests on Muhammadans. Islam preaches that no one should live as a slave. Islam took its birth and has spread throughout the world. Therefore Muhammadans should join the congress in large numbers and work unitedly with other communities. They should wear khadar and ~~xxx~~ be soldiers of the nation. I thank you for your patient hearing. "

Next Mr. Bhagyan read a newspaper in which it was stated that ~~xxx~~ Government ordered the Mysore Municipality not to present an address to Mr. J.W. Harman when he visits Mysore to preside over the Local Bodies Conference. Continuing he said : The Mysore Municipality had passed a resolution to present an address and the Government has over ruled it. Is this not highhandedness? (Cries of shame and Down with autocracy). The revenue of government would not have decreased by presenting him an address. We must take prompt measures so that government may not behave in such a manner in future.

Then Moulana Sahib again raised and said that he has a message to the young. He requested the students to leave the country after their studies and be patriots and study books whether they be in any language, which leads for the prosperity of the country.

A vote of thanks to Moulana Sahib. The meeting terminated at about 7-15 p.m. with the singing of "Vande Mataram" and other slogans.

Present: Maulavi Shafiq, V. S. Narayana Rao, O.K. Swamy & others were present.

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Proceedings of a meeting held at Munireddypalya at 7 P.M. on Saturday the 9th October 1937 under the auspicies of the Bangalore City Congress Committee.

It had been announced that Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and the Presiden Secretary of the Madura Congress Committee Janab Mohamad Saheb Moulana would be arriving to deliver speeches. But since they were coming late, Mr. B. Ramakrishnappa of Munireddypalya was elected to the chair and N.N. Chandur, V.S. Narayan Rao, G. Subramanyam and Subbarao Upadyaya of Mysore spoke in Kannada as follows:-

N.N. Chandur:

Brotheren, This is perhaps the first Congress Meeting in Munireddypalya. Generally, in these parts there is no congress meeting and the 'Madhuravani' of the Congress people is never heard here. In spite of this, I am glad to see a good number of people collected here. This shows how much the Congress is regarded by the people here. Congress is not a mere empty vessel. It has now got the support of 35 crores of people. Congress members may not be visiting every part of the country. But still the Congress has got full support from every individual in this country. This Congress is working for the past 50 to 60 years and are fighting for Swaraj and Independence. Swaraj means, though it is a very important point, that every part of this country should stand under the Congress Flag. In Munireddypalya there are many coolies, ryots and some middle class people. And every one of them has got great regard and respect to the Congress Swaraj means to have plenty of food, plenty of clothing . In India, most of the people have joined the Congress. Out of 35 crores of people, at least 33 crores are very poor. 7 to 8 crores ~~lèxen~~ on one meal only. You can see from the Himalayas to Cape Camorin and from the N.W. Provinces to Burma, though this is a golden country, there is poverty everywhere. You can see only hungry faces. The English people came here to get riches. So also the French and Portugese. They are sapping our blood. Whatever we earn is given away to them- to the foreigners. Out of 100 people, more than three-quarters are half-bread, and half-clothed. It is for this we want Swaraj. For this we want Independence. Swaraj means not that we want black people to rule in place of fair people. Swaraj means one should get belly-full of food, sufficient clothing to cover his body and a house to live in. Some people might think that in Mysore there is no need for Swaraj. Because our Ruler is a Mysorean. We have our own officers etc., unlike in other parts of the country. Whether Mysore or British India it is all alike. Even France and China are fighting for Independence. Whatever the Mysoreans have, the people of the remaining parts of the country also have - the same kind of trouble. So we mugt fight for swaraj not for any one part of the country but for the whole of India. It is for our good and it is for our advantage that we fight for Swaraj. In Mysore there is repressive policy. They have prohibited speeches, meetings and processions. Action has been taken against the three members of the 'Council of Action'. They are now in Jail. They were asked to furnish securities on the 6th instant. Since these three leaders did not do anything for themselves, but agitated for the welfare of the people, they refused to furnish securities and went to Jail. The case is ponted to 16-10-37. They have gone to jail because they are agitating for Independence. There can be no distinction between a Hindu and a Musalman, between a Brahmin and a non-brahmin or a Lingayet or a Kshatriya. Independence is wanted by every sect and creed of the country. It is not only wanted by the Congress people, the Hindus, Muslims or Jews or Buddhists. It is a common object. It is our duty and right to fight and agitate against such repressive policies of Government and attain Responsible Government. You know how much the people have suffered these days How much the Congress has worked for the sake of the country.

I know most of you are labourers and coolies. As soon as you hear the Buzzing noise of the factory you get up from your bed and whether you wash your face or not and whether you take food or not you run up to the factory, because if you go late you will be sent out and get home tired in the evening. After all you get very little in the evening. After all it is the Factory man that is enriched. You know that the Justice party people went to the factories and canvassed the labourers at the factory premises itself, just because the labourers if they leave their homes at 4-30 or 5 A.M. cannot return till 7 in the evening. But after all what was the result. All these labourers gave their vote to the Congressmen only. So even the poor people and poor workers are joining the Congress and support the Congress. You also know that during these seven years, more than 2 lakhs of people have gone to jail for having followed the Congress. They all worked for the attainment of Swaraj. In Mysore also we must obey the commands of the Congress and it is your duty to think over and solve as to by which means you should get released your leaders. It is the duty of the Congress, the duty of the people and it is your duty to decide which way you take.

G. Subramanyam, Secretary of the Youth League.

You might be afraid that the Congress people have come here to create some trouble. There is no such fear here. They have only come here to explain to you how the Mysore Government is observing repressive policies. The Magistrates are passing orders prohibiting meetings etc. under 45 section. It is like the arrows of Arjuna. But we are not afraid of it. Wherever Congress people, these sections are applied. The Congress people only fight and agitate for the sake of the poor people. We are now living upon one meal only. This is the present situation in India. Rich people help the Government. In Mysore Government there are different kinds of repressive acts. Mr. T. Siddalingiah of Doddaballapur, a leading Advocate, and President of the Mysore Congress Board toured all over the State. When he went to Chennagiri, the Police Inspector at that place took the powers of a Magistrate and passed an order prohibiting him from making any speech and pulled out the Congress Flag from the car in which he was seated. But we are never afraid of this and such repressions. So all the people in this country should join us, the Congress. There is no liberty of speech in Mysore. The three leaders viz., Messrs. T. Siddalingiah, Veerakesari Seetharama Sastry and Tagadur Ramachnadra Rao, you know fully well who these three are, just because they issued a manifesto in the Press they have been asked to furnish securities and they are now in Jail and the case against them is posted to 16-10-37. In Munireddypalya, even children know what the Congress says. You have also read in papers Recenty in Madras, Mr. C. Rajagopalachar he had been to Jail has become the Prime Minister. He has ordered that there should be no drinking in Madras at all. He has stopped the sale of sandies in Salem District. So many people are now glad that they are retained their daily earning of four annas the C.I.Ds are found everywhere, and wherever they go they apply some order or other. If you want to avoid all these troubles, you must join the Congress. Until you join the Congress there is no freedom. Congress is treating all alike whether rich or poor, whether he be a Hindu, a Muslim, a Lingayet or a Christian. Congress has the same creed for the old and the young. So you must all join the Congress and agitate against the repressive policies of Government Even children might join the Congress and kick off these acts of repression completely. Even if you die you must not fail. If one dies the other should not get back. One must think that he is doing his duty not for himself but for the sake of others.

V.S. Narayan Rao.

My predecessors have spoken to you about the Congress and Swaraj. Do you agree with me that most of the people assembled

here are workmen (Yes - from the audience). They earn from 4 annas to 8 annas or utmost one rupee a day. With great difficulty they earn this. After all for one year they earn from Rs 100/- to Rs 200/-. But no one can earn one thousand. It is very difficult to earn this. But our Dewan earns Rs 5,000/-.. i.e., multiply 5 by 100. Even though one earns at the rate of 4 annas till his death, he cannot earn 1/100th of this amount., the pay of the Dewan. This is how the Dewan is paid. Whoever is born in India must have plenty of food to eat, a house to live in and clothings to cover his body. This is the creed of the Congress.It is for this the Congress is working and is agitating. Many people are not even having 'ganji'. No sooner you listen the whistle of the Mills, you run up lest you should be given a gate-pass, whether you take your food or not. There you work from 6 A.M. to 12 noon or 1 P.M.. like machines along with other machines, sweat out and come out for food for half-an-hour. Within this interval you must have your food and run up again to the Mills and work till evening.. Thus you work for 10 to 12 hours. After all you get 4 annas for the hard labour. But the officers get thousands as their pay. In the evening you are tired and on your way home, you require some rest and leasure and take a drink in the shops on the wayside. Spend three annas there and come home with your one anna. When you go home you won't have food to eat, even a drop of milk to drink and a bed to sleep in. Your wife demands for money and you have nothing to pay her You have spent away the whole amount either at the Coffee club or the toddy shop, all for yourself and take only one anna home for your wife and children. Is it possible to maintain your family with this anna. Perhaps you have heard of Salem (you have atleast heard of Salem plantains). It is near Hosur. The Congress Government of Madras has ordered that from 1-10-37 all Excise shops should be closed. The people there have no drinks now. It is the mistake of the Government to have kept open these shops. Rich people can afford to go to clubs and games to take rest and to have a change. But what of poor people. They only go to Excise shops. So the Congress decided to stop the sale of sAndy. Some people suggested that by closing these Excise shops theft will increase. But still it was closed. On the midnight of 30-9-37 all these shops were closed in Salem, the pots were broken, the Contractors sent away and the importation of toddy was put an end to. The dawn of 1-10-37 was a happy and bright one for the workmen. Today the people at Salem are very happy. Preparation of toddy stealthily is punished. The contractors who were very greedy are now helpless. The Government which was encouraging the sale of toddy to contractors at the bidding of 1000 to 2000/- is silent now. The contractor who purchases the sale for 2000/- should go to 2000 people and canvass them to drink. The Government thereby reaps the profit. Now that the shops are closed, the people of Salem are very glad. They are all joining the Congress. You should also likewise join the Congress. The Congress wants that this should be done everywhere. Do you agree that the toddy shops should be closed (Some said Yes). This is the Congress creed. This is what Swaraj means. You have all heard of Mahathma Gandhi. You all say Gandhi-ki-Jai. Even though he might not have come to your place, and even though you might not have seen him when he had come several times to Bangalore, you know his name. He says you should all wear khadi. A factory or a mill can only employ 500 men and pay them. But if you have a charka at home everyone of you can make hiw own clothing. Even the ladies at home can have their dress. Out of one rupee you earn. 15 annas will be yours. But at present since you wear foreign dress, 12 annas goes out to outsiders. You will then save your money. Mahathma Gandhi advises every one of you to wear khadder only. Khadi will give you atleast one meal a day How many of you have storied buildings. Mr. Chandur said that the Dewan is earning Rs 5,000/-. Even though Sir Mirza is the Dewan, Kareem Sab is a jutka driver( ). So let anyone be the Dewan. There is still poverty. We must have our own food, own house. Similarly you must have your own clothings. Just as you taste well the home preparations in preference to a hotel food, you must encourage only your own products. So first of all all of you must supply your

your children with a khadder cap costing only 3 annas. Day by day they will get their khadder dress. In the eyes of Mahathma Gandhi, all are brotheren. This is the Congress creed. So I request you all to join the Congress.

Subbarao Upadyaya of Mysore.

He just mentioned a few words about the Congress creed repating a few of the words spoken by the predecessors. He stated that in India there are good many beggars without sufficient food to eat or clothing to put on and most of them are homeless. Then he began by saying that the Zamindars are the lords of certain parts of the land etc., when Mr. K.T.Bhashyam arrived. His speech came to an end and the old batch gave room for the new entrants, viz., Mr.K.T.Bhashyam and Janab Hajee Mohamad Sab Moulana(the name given out at the place).The speakers, the President and the new comers were garlanded with the 'Savanthi' flowers amidst claps. Then Mr. K.T.Bhashyam Iyengar spoke in Kannada:

Gentlemen, This is a good and auspicious day for you. Because we are having in our midst the President of the Madura Congress Committee Mohamad Sab Moulana who had been to jail thrice for the srke of the country and for the sake of 'truth'-Satya, by agitating against the repressions of Government. He suffered for the sake of the country, and went to Jail. He will presently speak to you. When I see so many assembled here, I realise how much the mass of the Congress has been spread. Everyone can join the Congress on payment of four annas. It is the Congress that relieves you of your poverty. We have no money to educate our children. Soon after a boy is able to work he is sent out for employment. The parents live upon the earnings of the children We have no proper living. We are all indebted. We are all anxious of our future. But the foreigners are happy, they are fed belly-full, There is every support for them from the Government. We have to starve if there is no work. How long are we to suffer like this.We must educate ourselves. We must earn. We must live properly. We must have proper clothings. We must have houses to live in. We must lead of respectful life. 95% of us are uneducated. Most of us are living on one meal. When you go out for a living you will see 'No Vacancy' boards everywhere. You must go only to Binny Mills or Maharaja Mills. There are no vacancies there. You cannot get work even for road repairs. We have no respect now. We feed our cattle, but we are not able to feed ourselves. There is no one to help us, enquire us or help us. Swaraj means to get rid of poverty.This is the Congress creed. You must all join the Congress. By joining the Congress there is good both for you and for the country. Jagatguru Mhathma Gandhi is the Guru of the Congress. He says all our poverty is due to Incimetax, Education cess this cess and other cess.The balance we get is very little. Even this is knocked off by Government by means of Excise shops. At home there is no food for your wife and children. All our families are ruined. So we must stop drinking in our country. Our people must keep for themselves their earnings. But Government encourage drinking and they earn at the cost of the poor people. This is a Government of Asatya. It is our clothings that has made us poor. We purchase clothings from shops. These are from Japa and other foreign countries. Our money is enriching these foreigners. So the Congress wants that we should have our own clothings and that we should retain our money here only. Out of one rupee, 15 annas goes out. But if we make our own clotnins, we will save our money. We have cotton-growers, weavers etc., in this country and this money will be distributed amongst these people only. Nothing will go out. Let us distribute that one rupee amongst all of us. Then we will be rich and happy. So all of you must join the Congress and wear khadder. Do not drink. Then there will be unity. There will then be no distinction between a Hindu and Muslim, a Christian and a non-christian, between a 9 pana and 12 pana party and between a Vadagale and Thangale. If a husband and wife quarrel in a family will that family prosper. Likewise if we quarrel now a third man will come. It is how the Englishman came here. It is like the story of the cats and the monkey. This is our fate now. Due to a fight between two parties the third man gains axis to the place. Gold is being exported to foreign countries in the form of bricks. We are seeing

this personally in our own State at Gold Fields. But for three pies we fight with each other. We are in slavery. If your food is taken away will you keep quiet. This system of slavery should be stopped. The Congress says that our riches should remain with us. We must establish Swarajya. To get Swarajya you must all join the Congress and obey one leader, just like the Military by your side. You must all follow one leader like in marching (Right Left etc). Then people will not go in different directions and create disunity. If one goes to jail and the other gets 'Khillaths' that is no good. Everyone should put on khadi only. We must see that our brothers, our country are all freed. If your neighbours house is on fire will you keep quiet. Sometime or other your house will also be on fire. If we join the Congress there will be unity speak and do everything amicably. There is a Government here, but it does not do want we want. So we must have a responsible Government and have our own representatives. At Kanireddypalya if you want a school, a park and a radio as in Madras, you can have it through your representative. That should be our aim. Mahathma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Moulana Azad, all these people have toiled for the sake of the country. Our body must be like a sandalstick. If you rub it there will be good smell and if you throw it on fire the whole room will be sweet scented. That should be the nature of your body. You should not care for yourself. Think yourself to be a sandalstick unlike other trees, As it is continued to be rubbed and or thrown into the fire more will be the smell, though the stick itself is gone. If you only join the Congress you can with a small payment of 4 annas can have access to Mahathma Gandhi. But on other other hand you have to spend 8 annas for a telegram to British Government to send a message to him. So I request you all to join the Congress. Gandhi is a 'Devaswarup'

The Moulana:

After speaking for sometime in Urdu, the Moulana spoke in Tamil which was translated into Kannada by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam Iyengar.

Here I see both Hindus and Moslems assembled. In Urdu I told you that I am not doing anything for my own sake or respect. It is my duty I do. It is also your duty. 'Desa seveye Isaseve' -

. By this means, there will be good both in this world and in the upper world. If you help your people, God will help you. Against three of your leaders Security proceedings have been taken. They are now in Jail. You are responsible for this. Now Sjt. C.Rajagopalachar who is now the Prime Minister of Madras was sent for by the Madras Governor Lord Erskine and was requested to take up the Prime Ministership. But Rajagopalachar refused to do so unless certain points were agreed to. The Governor also denied it. So at a meeting held in this connection Sjt. Rajagopalachari told the people that had assembled that 'You are responsible. You have not joined the Congress. There is no support for the Congress. The Governor says that I might be a Congressmen, but I have no good following. Many are not Congressmen. And so the offer was declined'. In the same way now I say there is no good support here. After this meeting, now in the 7 Provinces there is Congress Ministry. Which is it that made this success. It is the Yellow ticket you gave on our behalf at the time of election that got success to the Congress and got the Ministry. Congress has not undertaken Civil Disobedience Movement or Satyagraha now. They have stopped this. They have repealed the Maplah Act. At such a stage why did your Dewan undertake to proceed against your leaders under the Security Sections. In Mysore There are parties, Mysoreans are not Congressites and do not wear khadder. It is on account of this that the Government have taken Security proceedings. What we have to do is that we should all join the Congress and wear khadder only, and no Government can prevent doing so. So where is the fear. One thing I can say. Hindus and Muslims must join the Congress and work hand in hand and establish Swaraj. In 1921 during the Khilafat movement, Hindus and Moslems joined together and many people went to Jail; During the Salt Satyagraha of 1930 how many Hindus and Mohammedans have gone to Jail. In the 1932 Satyagraha movement how many Hindus and Moslems have not suffered and gone to jail. Why did they suffer like this. It is to

save us from slavery. So they sacrificed themselves. As a result of this sacrifice (thyaga) 7 Provinces are having Congress ministers. We are now enjoying this, and our poor people are being freed and facilities are being afforded to them. [illegible]

If you leave this town and go to villages you will see how many people are suffering without food, without clothing. So Congress is asking you to go to villages and preach them the Congress creed. From the village to the All India Congress Committee there must be connection; there must be representatives from the villages to the A.I.C.C. There is no other Organisation like the Congress. You must first know what is going on in the world around you. What is happening in France, China, Spain and Abyssinia. These foreigners are using their brains in preparing bombs and arms and ammunitions to fight against innocent people. Everywhere there is war and bloodshed. There is end for the desire of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan. They want to conquer the whole world. They want everything for themselves. At the sametime the fighting Nations are all Christians. Is it their religion? But we are having a non-violent fight( ) We are having a non-violent true Satyagraha. If you just think for a moment that you are born in this country, you are sons of this soil, you are bravemen( )you are not slaves, you will undertake Satyagraha. Do you know what this League of Nations is? It is only a time serving Association. When time comes; the members resign and begin to fight outside using all sorts of dangerous weapons and poisonous gases. The others become aloof. What are the powers of a League of this kind? But Congress on the otherhand is for treating all alike and agitate for a common object. So it is your duty to join the Congress and release the country from the bondage of slavery. This is a great act.( ) If we attain Swaraj, there would not be fight between China and Japan or war in the Mediterranean Sea. If only 33 crores of people of this country gain, of attaining of Swaraj by stopping importation of goods of even a pin from foreign countries, these foreigners will be ready to eat earth. Now India is made a Market by these people. How much do you pay Japan, Germany and Italy? These countries grow rich with our money and prepare poisonous gas etc., and throw the same on innocent people and even our own people. It is our bounden duty to release the country from this bondage. All Muslims are joining the Congress and they must join the Congress. Jamath-ul-Ulmah has said all might join the Congress. It may be that Zamindars, Nawabs, the Muslim League and the Hindu Maha Sabha (some of them) might not have joined the Congress. It is because they have no courage. They are party people. They cannot undergo much sufferings. Congress has no place for Zamindars and Title holders. Congress is meant for the poor people. It is only the Congress that knows the sufferings of the poor. How can a rich man know the sufferings So Hindus, Muslims, Christians and all other community people who have not joined the Congress and who are not Swaraj are traitors. Title holders are the enemies of their country. Three days back, a Moplah gentleman gave up his Khan Bahadur Khillat to Government and joined the Congress. The Muslim League has changed its opinion. On the 15th, 16 and 17th instants, the League will assemble. They will resolve complete Independence That is the Congress creed. Even Jinnah spoke at Shimoga that Congress Creed and the Muslim Creed are one and the same. Muslim League will surely join the Congress.

You are all living in the Ship of India where old and young people, men and women and children, are living. They all want freedom for the country. For this you must all join the Congress. Otherwise if Hindus and Muslims fight with each other, the Ship of India cannot reach the shore of Swaraj. So you must all follow Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who is the Captain of the Ship.

The Government of India Act of 1935 is a big stumbling block of stone placed before the Ship, and this is a Sitan (Satan) Federation is another obstruction placed in front of it. By your unity i.e., torpedo boat of unity, you must remove all safeguards and kick out these obstructions. Your self-respect, and your religion can never be shaken by anyone, nor by any Government or any machine gun. Moulana Mohamad Ali says: If we do anything with all our heart, with a firm stand and with unity, all these devils will disappear. We in British India, did we fear all the troubles and sufferings given by the Government. Our firmness has gained us the 7 Provinces and these are hoisting the Congress Flag now. It is only by joining the Congress you can get the Janamayaka Akshi.(ಜನಮತ ಕೋಶ. Otherwise what should be our fate if we fight with each other. There should be no distinction between castes and creeds or religion. If there is fire in house the neighbour also experience the samething., whether he be a Hindu, a Mussalman or a Christian. How can you keep quiet when your neighbour's house is on fire. Do you extinguish it or not? Similarly there must be an united action and should all of you support Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, whatever might be the consequences, and that is your duty. Do you not like to be Kings, Rulers for yourselves? What should be the fate of this Ship? Can any of you be an enemy to such a Congress? Our duty is to get freedom to our country. The Congress, rather the vote of the people for the Congress is reigning over the 7 Provinces now. So this is all your work. All this good work done is yours. Sjt. C. Rajagopalachar has brought about the Prohibition Movement in Madras. Which previous Government has done this? Now the Congress people ar fighting for the freedom of ryots from Indebtedness (relief for them). Land Tax is being reduced. Cottage Industries are encouraged. All these things go to support the work of the Congress and the attainment of Swaraj. And for this end, you should all pray God.

8-50pm.

With this the proceedings terminated. About 150 people had gathered most of whom were labourers. The meeting was held in the maidan by the side of the Reading Room where a [redacted] Flag(Congress) was hoisted temporarily.

Manager,
District Police Office,
Bangalore City.

10th October 1937.

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Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I am sending herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of the proceedings of a meeting held at Nanjangud under the auspices of the local Congress Committee on Tuesday the 12th October.

OFFICE OF THE
SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.
14 OCT. 1937
NO 2954

Yours sincerely,

For perusal.

1st member & Dewan

13.10.37

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B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secy. to Govt. of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Proceedings of the meeting held at Nanjangud under the auspices of the local Congress Committee on Tuesday the 12th October 1937 in the premises of the Chamundeswari Temple.

The meeting commenced at 5-10 P.M. There were about 100 person s gathered on the occasion. Prominent among the persons present were:-

Messrs. K. T. Bashyam,
K.Ranga Iengar of Tumkur
S.Rangaramiah of Mysore,
S.Venkatapathiah,
Gubbi Rajagopalachar,

Mr. Visweswara Gowda requested Mr. Ranga Iengar on behalf of th audience to take the chair. Mr. Ranga Iengar stated that he came to Nanjangud for quite a different purpose but yet he has to comply with the request of Mr. Visweswara Gowda.

Mr. Ranga Iengar introduced Mr. K.T.Bashyam to the audience and requested him to deliver a speech.

Mr. K.T.Bashyam spoke in kannada as follows:-

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen- Perhaps you aremaware of the purpose of our having assembled here today. It is with the main object of putting an end to the abject poverty prevailing everywhere in our State and to condemn the repressive policy of our present Government. Let us take into consideration the mode and status of people living in British India. We cannot compare ourselves with them. It is our duty to urge our Government to help us ~~to~~ enable ourselves to lead the life they are leading. Mr. Ranga Iengar is one desirous of leading such a life. He is one with us and will render help in attaining our object. The present Government, under the guidance of the Dewan and the Councillors, are collecting tax to an extent of 3½ crores of rupees. It is stated that this amount is being utilised for the improvement of Agriculture, Education and Medical aid. This is not being done properly. This question has also been discussed in the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council but no satisfactorv answer was forthcoming from Government.

Let us take into consideration the daily earnings of people in our State. It is between an anna and anna and a half per head while the salary of our officers is a fat one raising to 3 to 5 thousands of rupees. This is unjustifiable. Out of the 16 thousands villages in our State only six thousand villages have schools. There are no hospitals in majority of the villages. Improvement towards Education and Medical aid must be done in all places. The pay of officers getting 2 or 3 thousands might with advantage be reduced to Rs.500/-. The people in our State being poor are much discontented. They cannot boast of proper food and clothing even much less have they money to educate their children. The Government have to guarantee the welfare of our people. At present Government are not functioning properly.

We are at present collecting 5 lakhs of rupees from the sale of liquors. The poor labourer earns a few annas a day by his hard toil and even this is snatched away from him by providing liquor shops on his way home which induces him to drink. This is nothing but robbery.

The present Government cannot stand for a long time. "I tell this in a temple". If people gather together to express their grievences and device measures to solve them, Sections 39, 49 etc., will be served on them. The object of our gathering here today is just to oppose this repressive policy of Government. The Government must give up this repressive policy completely. We want our country to advance. There are 60 lakhs of people in our State and I am sur e that no one out of this 60 lakhs would like to leave the Government do as they please. They would only say poverty must go, our State should advance and people in the State must be happy.

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God exists in the midst of the people. He has got thousand heads and 10,000 hands. Where there is a large gathering of people there is God. If we make these people happy then God will be satisfied. If we suck the blood of the poor and lead a happy life, God will not be satisfied. This kind of repression must be given up by Government. Otherwise people cannot tolerate this. If we only say that the Government is not functioning properly, it will be considered as a seditious speech. In Bombay and Madras the ministers are elected by the people and they are managing the Government on an efficient basis. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari was sent to jail four times by the British. When he was in jail he was not offered ever a cup of butter milk in spite of repeated requests. Now he has become the minister of Madrassand would provide with any number of cups of butter milk to those who are in jail. There is no use of sending us to jail. The Government may send three thousand or even thirty thousand to jail. What benefit do they derive from it? Hitler and Mussolini are incarnations of Hiranyaksha and Hiranyakashipu and they are waiting for an opportunity to swallow the whole world. Even these Dictators of Germany and Italy are dam afraid of the people, lest they should murder them. Mahatma Gandhi is quite a contrast. Let him be taken to a forest or a cave, he would willingly come and even the man who comes with a sword in his hand to murder him will throw away the sword and prostrate before Mahatma Gandhi. There is truth in Mahatma Gandhi. We do not want this sort of Government. We must request the Government to give proper medical relief, education, sanitation and to prohibit the sale of liquors. We must ask them to give facilities for education in villages, for digging wells where there is scarcity of water. Let one youth be appointed from each village to look after the welfare of the people, to suggest them where they should dig up wells, and conduct classes for the village children. The present Government is not caring for the happiness of the masses. They would say "let any man die, but there should be no complaint." The Government officials only think of their pay and they will be awaiting the Ist of the month and during leisure hours, they will be just looking into the Civil List just to find out those who are above them. We cannot tolerate this. We want Responsible Government. Let the Government function properly just as in Bombay, Madras and other British Provinces The Government officials are our friends and relativessand so why should we quarrel with each other? Once an European said "The sun never sets on the British Empire". Even that British Empire which was said to be the greatest power in the world has now become insignificant.

If all the 60 lakhs of people unite and urge the Government to grant Responsible Government, then what will our Government do? We asked for Responsible Government in good words, even by flattering them but they still turned a deaf ear. Now we are prepared to enter the battle field just to achieve Responsible Government. There is no use in sending us to jail. If one is sent to jail other will crop up. Let the Government serve orders on us under all sections. What is the use? In other states the people are happy and command a certain amount of respect. Let our officers go to foreign countries. They will know that the Europeans will have the least regard for them.

We have no freedom. We are still in slavery. Unless we rise for the occasion, we cannot get freedom. Our State is a prosperous one being the birth place of great Rishis, mighty Emperors like Harischandra and Vikramaditya and in spite of it we are poor. We are ashamed to call ourselves the descendants of great Rishis like Vasista and Vishvamitra. We have to wipe off this abject poverty from our State.

Concluding he said that they want Responsible Government under the kind rule of His Highness the Maharaja.

S.Rangaramiah spoke in kannada to the following effect:-

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen- I want to speak a few words here today. I think my speech will not be so interesting as that of Mr. Bashyam.

It is indeed a great privilege to have Mr.K.T.Bashyam in our midst today. Today we are observing "Repression Day" under the instruction of our Dictator. We are all reading in the newspapers about the repressive policy of Government. During the election for the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council we had formed a local congress committee to request the people to vote for the congress. Then Mr. Bashyam, Srimathi Kamaladevi and others had come to Mysore to deliver speeches. They were staying at Sri Krishna Bhavan Restaurant. But before they could do anything, they were served with orders under Section 39 M.P.R. These orders were served on them in the hotel where they were staying at. He then referred to the incident at Channagiri and quoted a proverb in kannada" ಕೊಡುವವನಿಗೆ ದೇವರು ಕೊಡುವನು. If we express our grievences to the Government and say that the Government is not working properly, then they cannot tolerate this and serve us with orders under ~~xxxxx~~ Section 39 M.P.R. or Sec:144 C.P.C. prohibiting us from gathering at a place to discuss our grievences and find a measure to solve them. They do not care for the welfare of the people. So we want Responsible Government. The ministers should be elected by the people. We do not want Councillors appointed by the Government but we want Councillors elected by the people. Perhaps you are all aware of the fact how the Madras and Bombay Governments are working. We want such Government here as well. The revenue got by the sale of liquors is not justifiable. Mahatma Gandhi has said that all the people in India are not drunkards and so it is possible for us to prohibit the sale of liquors. We find that in every village there will be a toddy shop, if not a school. He appealed to the public to join congress and to fight for Responsible Government.

Mr. K.Ranga Iengar spoke in kannada to the following effect:-

Mr. Chairman and friends- We want Responsible Government in our State and in order to achieve this we must have sufficient strength. Mahatma Gandhi has said that if people want 'Swaraj' they must wear khadder and join congress. What is the use of worshipping a photo of Mahatma Gandhi at home and yet wearing foreign clothes. It is a matter of deep regret that a large majority assembled here are still wearing foreign clothes and unless we replace this by khadder we cannot hope to achieve Responsible Government. You, people of Nanjangud ~~who~~ are very near to Badanaval, Khadi Centre, and yet you do not wear khadder. We have got to rectify ourselves before we proceed to rectify others. There will be a sort of dignity and happiness in wearing khadder. He appealed to the public, especially the merchant class and the agriculturists, to wear khadder. The merchants are afraid of wearing khadder and I do not see the reason why they should be afraid of wearing khadder. The minister of Madras has levied tax on foreign and mill-made goods. Why should ~~kk~~ not the people of Nanjangud do the same and thus encourage khadder. We want navy blue coats, Japan and China goods and Motor cars. How ~~x~~ can we expect Responsible Government when we have no inward purity. Most of the lawyers do not wear khadder. Perhaps they are under the impression that if they put on decent dress many clients will come to them and thereby they can grow rich. This is absurd. The clients will come to know the merit of such lawyers in a couple of days and will never go to them afterwards. If we wear khadder, the Government officials such as Policemen etc., will be afraid of us and stand at a distance. There should be uniformity in wearing khadder. He exhorted the audience to join congress and wear khadder At least 10 lakhs in the Mysore State must join Congress. You must all swear that you will wear khadder and we will try our best to secure for you all Responsible Government. Many people gathered here are afraid of jail. When we are in slavery how are our children benefitted by education. This will all the more increase the problem of unemployment. Besides the money spent on education will be wasted. The merchant class is not at all interested with Congress and when we go to them to ask for subscription to observe "Gandhi Day" they will hesitate to contribute anything and most of them do not contribute at all. Their field is confined to their shops, balance and weights. If a Deputy Commissioner comes to collect money the people will willingly pay him. I am sure most of the Congressmen can do better work

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than most of the Deputy Commissioners. The day when all the people of Nanjangud wear khadder will see Responsible Government. I once again thank the audience for having made me the Chairman.

The following resolutions were read by Mr. K.T.Bashyam and unanimously passed.

I) That this meeting of the citizens of Nanjangud tenders its grateful congratulations to Messrs. T.Siddalingiah, Thagadur Ramachandra Rao and Seetharama Sastry on their services, sufferings and sacrifices in the cause of the country.

2) That this meeting of the citizens of Nanjangud emphatically protest against and condemns the repressive policy of the Government.

) That this meeting of the citizens of Nanjangud demands the immediate establishment of Responsible Government in Mysore to guarantee the fundamental rights of citizenship.

Mr. T.Srikantiah proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the local congress committee and the audience.

The meeting terminated at about 6-40 P.M.

K. Krishna Swamy
Stenographer,

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Dated 13th October 1937.

Mr. M. G. MENKRI, B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner.

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Dear Sir,

I submit herewith copies of the Proceedings of the Public meetings held in the Town Hall & in Narajapura compound yesterday, for favour of your information.

Yours sincerely,

M. G. M. 13/10

To

Rajamantrapravina

S.P. Rajagopala Chari, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

First Member of Council,

(Camp) MYSORE.

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Proceedings of a public meeting held in the Town Hall compound, Mysore, on 12-10-1937 at @ 6 P.M. in connection with the so-called responsibility of the public of Mysore to present an address themselves to Mr. K.F.Nariman of Bombay as a result of non-acceptance by the Government of the proposal of the local Municipality in the matter. The meeting was convened by a few members of the local Municipal Council @@ on behalf of the public.

About 150 persons attended the meeting. Messrs. V.Lingappiah, T.S.Rajagopaliengar, T. Mariappa, H.C.Dasappa, P.Seetharamiah, P.Gopalakrishna Setty, K.Seshadri, M.N.Jois, B.M.Madhava Rao, Jeevan Rao, Shankariah and @ A. Survanaraya Pandit were the prominent.

Mr. Rajagopaliengar proposed Mr. P.Seetharamiah to the chair. The speeches were in Kannada.

The Chairman @@ made an introductory speech as follows:-

"You are aware by now through the hand-bills distributed, the object of the present proceedings here. Mr. T.S.Rajagopaliengar will tell you in brief why an address had to be given to Mr. K.F.Nariman. I request you to give a patient hearing to all that takes place and give your valuable suggestions also."

Mr. Rajagopaliengar spoke to the following effect:-

"Gentlemen, you have already heard through newspapers that a conference of all the Local Boards is to come off in Mysore on the 17th and 18th of this month here in Mysore and that Mr. K.F.Nariman of Bombay has been invited to preside over that conference. In that connection, a Reception committee also was formed. Before I say anything on the subject before us, I shall have to tell you what a local body means. All the City Municipalities, minor municipalities School Boards, Village Panchayets, etc., are termed as local bodies. As these boards or bodies entirely deal with the activities of the public it is necessary that they at some time or the other in a year must meet together to chalk out programmes for the future working. At such a juncture, it is necessary to select a person who is well conversant in these matters and happily a right choice was made in Mr. K.F.Nariman, the ex-Mayor of Bombay who in the midst of overcrowded engagements, was pleased to give his consent. He is no ordinary man. He went to England and became an eminent barrister and used to earn thousands of rupees per month. Considering that there was no use in that, sacrificed all his wealth for the good of the people and while fighting for the public cause he had been sent to jail several times. Bombay Corporation is like our Municipality. It has a revenue of about 3½ crores of rupees almost that of our State Revenues. He is also the President of Bombay Congress Committee. It is such a person on whom a choice was made to preside over our conference and in order to give a fitting reception to him, our Municipality decided to give an address. A resolution was passed to that effect and to incur an expenditure of Rs. 50/- thereof. But, what a deplorable situation? I do not know for what reason an order was received from Government that no address should be given to Mr. Nariman and no expenditure to be incurred.

Now in the event of such a great person getting into our midst if no suitable response is made by the persons who invited him, how does it reflect on them? It would reflect very bad on the people of Mysore. Therefore if we people ourselves give an address it would be more than that of the Municipality itself. To-day, it is on behalf of us, all we have gathered here to pass a resolution as to what should be done. It has been proposed to pass a resolution to give an address to Mr. Nariman and show our respect to him. I request you to kindly give your unanimous consent for it."

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Mr. H. C. Dasappa spoke to the following effect:-

"Chairman and gentlemen, Now my friend Mr. T.S.Rajagopaliengar has placed before you a resolution which I heartily accept and second it. He has given you in detail on the necessity for such a resolution. Mr. Nariman is an eminent lawyer with 5 or 6 mansions in the Malabar Hills at Bombay. Soon after Mr. Gandhi entered the political field, without delay, Mr. Nariman came out to take up the same in the name of his country and sacrificing everything in the cause. He was the elected President from among the representatives of the rate-payers of Bombay. It is very difficult to come up to the position of Mayorship of Bombay. If a third grade Deputy Commissioner is made the President of a Municipality, you know what sort of sewage nuisance you experience now.

No body cares for the public good. Such presidents go to speak credit in Government. You have elected me to the Municipal Council for a term of three years and you will know after that period that nothing happened after all on account of my efforts. This is our membership on the council. The difficulty in getting a Government job is only to get it once and it will take him furhter automatically.

Now when the conference of Local Boards will have to take place, the local Municipality should give a fitting address to the President. They resolved to do so unanimously. Local Self-Government is only in name but not in workable condition. If Government interferes in all these things, where is the power to the Municipality? We said that we would spend our own money. The Government have ordered not to do even that. As people's representatives, we discussed it in the council. The resolutions passed are on your behalf but they are turned down. It is a shame on you the persons who elected us as your representatives. Shall we go home with the shame or have we your permission to attempt in any way? When such a person who has rendered service to the country comes here, we should not get blamed that we did not know how to treat him. Otherwise, it would be a shame. I hope therefore that you will support the resolution."

Mr. V. Lingappiah spoke:-

"When Mr. Nariman comes to Mysore, the Mysore Municipality intends to give an address. But my previous speakers told you that Government have asked the Municipality not to give an address and not to spend any money. I do not believe that Government intends that we should not give an address to Mr. Nariman. Government may have given advice to the Municipality not to give an address. But giving a right interpretation to the Government order, I believe the Municipality will give due consideration for that. In my opinion, when a person who has sacrificed so much for the country visits Mysore, we should honour him on behalf of the public as a whole. I request you to say whether it is correct or not. People of Mysore, just consider that Mr. Nariman does not come here with any expectation of fame or name, but only to read our hearts and minds. On behalf of the people of this place, I trust that you will approve of giving an address.

Mr. B.K.Madhava Rao spoke:-

"My previous speaker said that there was something strange in the Government Order and I beg to place it before you.

> "I am directed to state that Government do not consider appropriate for the Municipal Council to give an address to Mr. Nariman"

Now under these circumstances, I wish to say one or two words. It is our duty to see that these Local Bodies get some respect. The Municipal Councils, as they are, have no respect whatsoever because the President has the power to ask the member to sit down when he does not like the interference. Taking high salaries and living in bungalows do not make a person called a responsible member of the Board. What sort of respect can we expect from him when he is made the chairman of the Board? There seems to be no consideration at all for such things. Like this, the Government intends to deprive us of our own position and make us implicitly obey them, that is all. To such a great man as Mr. Nariman, we must not fail to show that we have also self-respect and taking steps against this order, we should determine to give a decent address. There should not be any consideration of money to bring name and fame for the people of Mysore."

Mr. Shankariah spoke:-

"The local Municipality having passed a resolution to give an address to Mr. Nariman, but Government have shown their disinterestedness. The Government is not for the money to be spent by the Municipality, for this purpose. If we take into consideration of rent, rates and personal allowances that are given to an ordinary officer when he enters a Local Board office to the extent of Rs. 80/- p.m. when the work involved no extra responsibility or work, spending 50 rupees for this occasion is nothing. Our address is not going to benefit Mr. Nariman but earning a credit for ourselves. I believe, you will unanimously approve the resolution.

Mr. P. Seetharamiah's closing speech.

"Before reading the resolution, I wish to speak a word. In the event of the people of Mysore giving an address to Mr. Nariman, it appears that Government itself wished the same and we shall have to thank God for giving us that chance. I request you to say that a nice opportunity occurred. Mr. Nariman is not coming to Mysore as a State Guest. He comes here to give suggestions for the improvements of the working of the local Boards. We are sorry to find that Government saying "Inappropriate". How it is, we would like to know. When the Bangalore Municipality asked for permission, it was granted. Why not in Mysore? When Dr. Ansari came, we gave an address. When Mr. Ramaswami Mudaliyar and Mr. Gandhi came, addresses were given. The latter came here on political grounds; even then expenses to the extent of Rs. 500/- were incurred. All the same, the same principle is not extended to us now. I do not know why it is the case now when there is probability of the provinces joining the Federation. Under the Congress President, the administration is going on aright, and I do not know why there should be such changes of opinion. It is for our own self-respect and dignity we should take up the initiative to give an address to such a great man as Mr. Nariman and it is not for the benefit of any individual. Why not the Government people come forward and say before us to that effect? I read the resolution for adoption."

It was unanimously resolved to give an address to Mr. Nariman on the occasion of the conference of the Local Boards on the 17th October in the Town Hall.

A reception committee was formed with Messrs. H. C. Dasappa, T. S. Rajagopaliengar, T. Mariappa, P. Seetharamiah, U. L. Rama Rao and P. G. Ramachandra setty. Rama Chandra Rao

To a question from Mr. Devarakondappa (of Anekal) why a resolution should not be passed to condemn the order of Government which said "Inappropriate", the Chairman explained that another meeting would be called for it after considering the conditions, etc., later on.

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proceedings of a meeting, held under the auspices of the Mysore District Congress committee with the same audience in continuation of the previous meeting, was to condemn the Repressive Policy of Government as directed by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam, the second president of the Council of Action of Mysore Congress Board.

Mr. Subraya Upadhyaya, Secretary of the local congress committee proposed Mr. C.V. Ranjappa Setru to preside on the occasion and stated that that meeting was to condemn the Repressive policy of Government exhibited in passing prohibitory orders and sending the members of the Council of action to jail. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam has now been the president.

Mr. K. Seshadri spoke next

I must tell you wherefrom this Repression started. It originated from Bangalore. Some 4 months ago orders under Section 45 Cr.P.C. was passed by the City Magistrate, Bangalore and they created a sensation among the public. No meetings could be held, no processions could be taken and no dead-body could be taken to the burial ground in a procession. Such was the condition. You may consider how advisedly the orders were passed. To condemn them, several patriots and public workers broke the orders near the City Market, Bangalore. Criminal proceedings were instituted against them. The congress workers began to travel in every district to educate the public of the curtailment of their liberties by Government. When there was agitation all over the State, the Officers later on modified the orders and processions like those of marriages, etc., were allowed. There came also no objection to hold meetings. The same kind of orders had been imposed on Sri Kamaladevi though there was no necessity for it. It was not only in Bangalore, in several places in Mysore also these orders were passed. Fortunately, as it appeared to us, the security cases were taken back. It gave us a sort of relief but it was only momentous.

You know who Messrs. T. Siddalingiah, Tagadur Ramachandra Rao and Seetharama Sastri are. All these went from village to village in the Congress propoganda of enlisting more members to the Congress. They work for the people. Mr. Siddalingiah is no ordinary person endowed with wealth, knowledge of the conditions of the people of the various nations besides being a lawyer. It is against such persons proceedings under security sections have been instituted. The case is before the court and we have nothing to talk about it now. If anything is done in that connection it will appear in the Newspapers when you may have the information about them. Because Mr. Bhashyam has ordered in the capacity of the President of Council of Action to observe to-day as the Repression-day, you have been requested to attend this meeting. I request you to approve unanimously the resolutions which will be presently placed before you.

Mr. A. Suryanarayana Pandit spoke:-

We have assembled here not merely to condemn the Repression in Mysore, but to maintain here prestige. Messrs. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, Siddalingiah, and Seetharama Sastry were toiling day and night to educate the people how to earn their bread. They never tried to spoil the name of Mysore now they intend to speak against His Highness. In Bangalore and Hubli persons are not much questioned about their educational attainments but how many times they tastes the Hotti, meaning how many times he had undergone imprisonment. Such a thing in Mysore has not happened yet. Mr. Guruva Reddy said that they were not going against Government.

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Government. But if they insist on us the saying "How many times you have tasted the bread in jails" we are prepared even for that. We do it only in the name of Ramarajya for Mysore. The name was given by Mr. Gandhi only after he saw Badanawal Khadi Centre. It is on account of the efforts of Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, Khadder work is taken by the people in all the surrounding villages. He has thus enabled the poor to earn their bread. It is such a man who has been sent to jail now. If this continues, the name of Ramarajya will go. We cannot suffer the name to go. We do not know when Government itself is going to take it up and help the poor people. We are also prepared to co-operate with them in the cause. We do not agree for the money to be taken from villages and the same being spent on towns. If we say that, Government will get wild. We do not question about the illumination in towns and inviting State Guests, etc. But before doing so, let them see the income of every average man in Mysore. Take for example the case of Bombay or Travancore. What is the income of each man there? It is our determination to see that our Government also ought to take up the same case. Very few people are who do not know about Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari in Madras knows him well. It appears he had asked the people in Salem not to get into Mysore toddy shops and have drinks there as they were paying 3 annas for the drink which was worth only 9 pies, and waste money like that. Swaraj means only to give food and clothing to the needy. That is the work of the congress. Why then a repressive policy? Service to the poor is service to God. It is our intention to say that we are prepared to request the Government in this matter. The name of Mysore is not in royal and palacial buildings but only in huts in the villages. What good is there is sending Mr. Tagadur to the jail? He would have given bread to another 500 persons if he had been present at Badanawal. It is better to withdraw the repressive orders of Government. Our Officers, I mean officers of our Congress, have ordered to abide by and carry out our programme. We will try to maintain the name of Mysore. I therefore request you to condemn the repressive policy of Government.

Mr. Vajapeyam Venkatesiah spoke:-

To-day it is our duty to express our views in the matter of our leaders having been sent to jail. Whatever may be the form of congress work, there are so many difficulties to surmount. There are security proceedings always against them. For national work they have come forward and we have now to give our support. In this way, if Government offers difficulties, how can good work be done? Therefore we cannot sit down quietly. We must congratulate our men for their lead and give our support unitedly.

Mr. Seshadri read the resolutions.

1. This meeting of the citizens of Mysore condemns the repressive policy of the Government of Mysore as embodied in the various prohibitory orders and demands the withdrawal of the same.

2. This meeting of the citizens of Mysore conveys to Messrs. T.Siddalingiah, Tagadur Ramachandra Rao and Seetharama Sastry the members of the Congress Council of Action now in jail its grateful appreciation of their services and sacrifice towards their country.

3. This meeting of the citizens of Mysore demands an immediate Responsible Government under the aegis of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, including the recognition of the fundamental rights of citizenship, supporting the Legislature for independent judiciary, adult franchise, free and compulsory education, reduction of agricultural indebtedness, nationalisation of the industries and abolition of the [illegible] trade.

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These were seconded by Mr. Upadhyaya and passed unanimously.

Continuing, Mr. Upadhyaya said that what was being done in Mysore was purely constitutional in accordance with the instructions given by Pandit Javaharlal Nehru to be on a constructive programme; that they had met there not to observe Satyagraha or to carry on Civil Disobedience Movement; that, were the Government to force them to become offensive, they could not say how and in what form it would result; and that they had to say that they were prepared to enter the jail.

The chairman concluded his speech

"Though it is not necessary to speak on the subject, let me say a word or two. If every one minds his self-respect, he cannot but fight for justice. It is awkward to witness security proceedings against men who work to improve the conditions of the poor on a constructive programme. Such proceedings should be condemned. I think we have to do so to show our manliness. We should give help to Messrs. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao and his comrades in Jail. It is for this purpose we have gathered here and if we do not show our courage, we should be ashamed of our cowardice. Therefore, at least for the sake of being called as men, I request you to show your manliness. Success."

The meeting terminated at 7-30 P.M. with the usual national cheers to Mr. Gandhi.

Sd/ M. Sreenivasa Moorty,
Stenographer,
Special Branch C.I.D.

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H. Rangaswami Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

SB. No. 52/37. Dated 13/10/37.

I. On 12th instant at 6 P.M. a meeting was hled in the Town Hall compound to consider about an address to be given to Mr. K.F.Nariman, the President-elect of the Mysore State Local Boards Conference which is to be hald in Mysore on the 17th and 18th instant.

Advocate Mr. P.Seetharamiah presided. A stenographer, Mr. Srinivasa Murthy, of Special Branch, C.I.D. had been deputed to take down the proceedings. A copy thereof is herewith enclosed.

II. Soon after the termination of the above meeting another meeting was held in the same compound to observe the Repression-Day. Pleader Mr. C.V.Nanjappa Setty of Mysore City presided. The same stenographer took down the proceedings. Copy thereof is enclosed herewith.

III. On the 12th instant a meeting was hold at Nanjangud from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. Mr. K.Ranga Iyengar of Tumkur presided. Mr. K.T.Bashyam of Bangalore and S.Rangaraniah of Mysore spoke about the Repressive policy of Government. Stenographer Mr. Krishnaswamy of Special Branch, C.I.D. had been deputed to take down the proceedings. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith. Mr. K.T. Bashyam arrived at Nanjangud by car on the 11th instant at 9 A.M. and attended the Lawyers Conference. He came to Mysore at about 7 P.M, and having halted for the night proceeded to Nanjangud at about 8 A.M. and attended the Lawyers Conference. He came to Mysore at about 7-45 P.M. after the meeting at Nanjangud. He is staying here in Modern Hotel with Mr. Rajanna of Goribidanoor.

It is gathered that he met Messrs. H.C.Dasappa, T.Mariappa and T.S.Rajagopaliengar after the meeting in Town Hall maidan and discussed with them about the address to be presented to Mr. K.F. Nariman and expressed his views that the Municipal Councillors

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Councillors may present an address and that the order of Government that no address should be given to him is not right.

Mr. K.T.Bashyam is being closely watched.

Sd/- A.Rangaswami Iyengar

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
MYSORE DISTRICT.

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Proceedings of the meeting held at Nanjangud under the auspices of the local Congress Committee on Tuesday the 12th October 1937 in the premises of the Chamundeswari Temple.

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The meeting commenced at 5-10 P.M. There were about 100 persons gathered on the occasion. Prominent among the persons present were;-

Messrs. K.T.Bashyam,
K.Ranga Iyengar of Tumkur,
S.Rangaramiah of Mysore,
S.Venkatapathiah,
Cubbi Rajagopalachar.

Mr. Visweswara Gowda requested Mr. Ranga Iyengar on behalf of the audience to take the chair. Mr. Ranga Iyengar stated that he came to Nanjangud for quite a different purpose but yet he has to comply with the request of Mr. Viswaswara Gowda.

Mr. Ranga Iyengar, introduced Mr. K.T.Bashyam to the audience and requested him to deliver a speech.

Mr. K.T.Bashyam spoke in kannada as follows.-

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen - Perhaps you are aware of the purpose of our having assembled here to-day. It is with the main object of putting an end to the abject poverty prevailing everywhere in our State and to condemn the repressive policy of our present Government. Let us take into consideration the mode and status of people living in British India. We cannot compare ourselves with them. It is our duty to urge our Government to help us to enable ourselves to lead the life they are leading. Mr. Ranga Iyengar, is one desirous of leading such a life. He is one with us and will render help in attaining our object. The present Government, under the guidance of the Dewan and the Councillors, are collecting tax to an extent of 3½ crores of rupees. It is stated that this amount is being utilised for the improvement of Agriculture, Education and Medical aid. This is not being done properly. This question has also been discussed in the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council but no satisfacotry answer was forthcoming from Government.

Let us take into consideration the daily earnings of the people

people in our State. It is between an anna and anna and a half per head while the salary of our officers is a fat one raising to 3 to 5 thousands of rupees. This is unjustifiable. Out of the 16 thousand villages in our State only six thousand villages have schools. There are no hospitals in majority of the villages. Improvement towards Education and Medical aid must be done in all places. The pay of officers getting 2 or 3 thousands might with advantage be reduced to Rs. 500/-. The people in our State being poor are much discontented. They cannot boast of proper food and clothing even much less have they money to educate their children. The Government have to guarantee the welfare of our people. At present Government are not functioning properly.

We are at present collecting 5 lakhs of rupees from the sale of liquors. The poor labourer earns a few annas a day by his hard toil and even this is snatched away from him by providing liquor shops on his way home which induces him to drink. This is nothing but robbery.

The present Government cannot stand for a long time. "I tell this in a temple". If people gather together to express their grievances and devise measures to solve them, Section 39, 49, etc., will be served on them. The object of our gathering here to-day is just to oppose this repressive policy of Government. The Government must give up this repressive policy completely. We want our country to advance. There are 60 lakhs of people in our State and I am sure that no one of this 60 lakhs would like to leave the Government do as they please. They would only say poverty must go, our State should advance and people in the State must be happy. God exists in the midst of the people. He has got thousand heads and 10,000 hands. Where there is a large gathering of people there is God. If we make these people happy then God will be satisfied. If we suck the blood of the ppor and lead a happy life, God will not be satisfied. This kind of repression must be given up by Government. Otherwise people cannot tolerate this. If we only say that the Government is not functioning properly, it will be considered as a seditious speech. D

In Bombay and Madras the ministers are elected by the people and they are managing the Government on an official basis. Mr. C.Rajagopalachari was sent to jail four times by the British. When he was in jail he was not offered even a cup of butter milk in spite of repeated requests. Now he has become the minister of Madras and would provide with any number of cups of butter milk to those who are in jail. There is no use in sending us to jail. The Government may send three thousand or even thirty thousand to jail. What benefit do they derive from it? Hitler and Mussolini are incarnations of Hiranyaksha and Hiranyakashipu and they are waiting for an opportunity to swallow the whole world. Even these Dictators of Germany and Italy are damn afraid of the people, lest they should murder them. Mahatma Gandhi is quite a contrast. Let him be taken to a forest or a cave, he would willingly come and even the man who comes with a sword in his hand to murder him will throw away the sword and prostrate before Mahatma Gandhi. There is truth in Mahatma Gandhi. We do not want this sort of Government. We must request the Government to give proper medical relief, education, sanitation and to prohibit the sale of liquors. We must ask them to give facilities for education in villages, for digging wells where there is scarcity of water. Let one youth be appointed from each village to look after the welfare of the people, to suggest them where they should dig up wells, and conduct classes for the village children. The present Government is not caring for the happiness of the masses. They would say "let any man die, but there should be no complaint." The Government officials only think of their pay and they will be awaiting the 1st of the month and during leisure hours, they will be just looking into the Civil List just to find out those who are above them. We cannot tolerate this. We want Responsible Government. Let the Government function properly just as in Bombay Madras and other British Provinces. The Government officials are our friends and relatives and so why should we quarrel with each other? Once an European said "The sun never sets on the British Empire". Even that British Empire which was said to be the greatest power in the world has now become insignificant.

If all the 60 lakhs of people unite and urge the Government to grant Responsible Government, then what will our Government do? We asked for Responsible Government in good words, even by flattering them but they still turned a deaf ear. Now we are prepared to enter the battle field just to achieve Responsible Government. There is no use in sending us to jail. If one is sent to jail others will crop up. Let the Government serve orders on us under all sections. What is the use? In other States the people are happy and command a certain amount of respect. Let our officers go to foreign countries. They will know that the Europeans will have the least regard for them.

We have no freedom. We are still in slavery. Unless we rise to the occasion, we cannot get freedom. Our State is a prosperous one being the birth place of great Rishis, mighty Emperors like Haris chandra and Vikramaditya and in spite of it we are poor. We are ashamed to call ourselves ~~[illegible]~~ the dependants of great Rishis like Vasista and Vishvamitra. We have to wipe off this abject poverty from our State.

Concluding he said that they want Responsible Government under the kind rule of His Highness the Maharaja.

S. Rangaramiah spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen - I want to speak a few words here to-day. I think my speech will not be so interesting as that of Mr. Sashyam.

It is indeed a great privilege to have Mr. K.T.Sashyam in our midst to-day. To-day we are observing "Repression Day" under the instruction of our Dictator. We are all reading in the newspapers about the repressive policy of Government. During the election for the Representative Assembly and Legislative Council we had formed a local congress committee to request the people to vote for the congress. Then Mr. Sashyam, Srimati Kamaladevi and others had come to Mysore to deliver speeches. They were staying at Sri Krishna Bhavan Restaurant. But

But before they could do anything, they were served with orders under Section 39 M.P.R. These orders were served on them in the hotel where they were staying at. He then referred to the incident at Channagiri and quoted a proverb in kannada ಬುದ್ಧಿ ಹೇಳಿದ ಎತ್ತು ಏಟು ತಿನ್ನಲಿಲ್ಲ If we express our grievances to the Government and say that the Government is not working properly, then they cannot tolerate this and serve us with orders under section 39 M.P.R. or Section 144 C.P.C. prohibiting us from gathering at a place to discuss our grievances and find a measure to solve them. They do not care for the welfare of the people. So we want Responsible Government. The ministers should be elected by the people. We do not want Councillors appointed by the Government but we want Councillors elected by the people. Perhaps you are all aware of the fact how the Madras and Bombay Governments are working. We want such Government here as well. The revenue got by the sale of liquors is not justifiable. Mahatma Gandhi has said that all the people in India are not drunkards and so it is possible for us to prohibit the sale of liquors. We find that in every village there will be a toddy shop, if not a school. He appealed to the public to join congress and to fight for Responsible Government.

Mr. K.Ranga Iyengar, spoke in Kannada to the following effect

Mr. Chairman and friends - We want Responsible Government in our State and in order to achieve this we must have sufficient strength. Mahatma Gandhi has said that if people want "Swaraj" they must wear khadder and join congress. What is the use of worshipping a photo of Mahatma Gandhi at home and yet wearing foreign clothes. It is a matter of deep regret that a large majority assembled here are still wearing foreign clothes and unless we replace this by khadder we cannot hope to achieve Responsible Government. You, people of Nanjangud are very near to Badanaval Khadi Centre, and yet you do not wear khadder. We have got to rectify ourselves before we proceed to rectify others. There will be a sort of dignity and happiness in wearing khadder. He appealed to the public, especially the merchant class and the agriculturists, to wear khadder. The merchants are afraid of wearing khadder and I do not see the reason why they should be afraid

afraid of wearing khadder. The minister of Madras has levied tax on foreign and mill made goods. Why should not the people of Nanjangud do the same and thus encourage khadder. We want navy blue coats, Japan and China goods and Motor cars. How can we expect Responsible Government when we have no inward purity? Most of the lawyers do not wear khadder. Perhaps they are under the impression that if they put on decent dress many clients will come to them and thereby they can grow rich. This is absurd. The clients will come to know the merit of such lawyers in a couple of days and will never go to them afterwards. If we wear khadder, the Government officials such as Policemen, etc., will be afraid of us and stand at a distance. There should be uniformity in wearing khadder. He exhorted the audience to join congress and wear khadder. At least 10 lakhs in the Mysore State must join congress. You must all swear that you will wear khadder and we will try our best to secure for you all Responsible Government. Many people gathered here are afraid of jail. When we are in slavery how are our children benefitted by education. This will all the more increase the problem of unemployment. Besides the money spent on education will be wasted. The merchant class is not at all interested with Congress and when we go to them to ask for subscription to observe "Gandhi Day" they will hesitate to contribute anything and most of them do not contribute at all. Their field is confined to their shops, balance and weights. If a Deputy Commissioner comes to collect money the people will willingly pay him. I am sure most of the congressmen can do better work, than most of the Deputy Commissioners. The day when all the people of Nanjangud wear khadder will see Responsible Government. I once again thank the audience for having made me the Chairman.

The following resolutions were read by Mr. K.T.Bashyam and unanimously passed.

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1. That this meeting of the citizens of Nanjangud tenders its grateful congratulations to Messrs. T.Siddalingiah, Thagadur Ramachandra Rao and Seetharama Sastry on their services, sufferings and sacrifices in the cause of the country.

2. That this meeting of the citizens of Nanjangud emphatically protests against and condemns the repressive policy of the Government.

3. That this meeting of the citizens of Nanjangud demands the immediate establishment of Responsible Government in Mysore to guarantee the fundamental rights of citizenship.

Mr. T.Srikantiah proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of the local congress committee and the audience.

The meeting terminated at about 6-40 P.M.

Sd/ K. Krishnaswamy,

13-10-1937. Stenographer, Railways and C.I.D.

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DEAR SIR

dated 13th Oct

I enclose for the information of Government a report received from the District Superintendent of Police Tumkur, regarding the observance of the Repression Day on the 12th instant in some of the Taluks in the Tumkur District.

Yours sincerely,
Veeranagowda
14/10/37

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B. T. Kesava Iyengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
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N.Puttaranga Swamy, Esq., B.Sc.,
Superintendent of Police,

Tumkur,
Dated 13th Octor. 37.

SUBMITTED. [Severance]

Report regarding the observations of the Repression Day on the 12th instant as reported by the Inspectors and Sub Inspectors of the suburb Taluks in the Tumkur District:-

I. The Inspector of Tiptur Taluk reports as follows:-

Beg to report that this day at 4-30 P.M. printed notices were distributed at the instance of Mr.D.S.Mallappa, M.L.C., arranging for apublic meeting in the Maidan opposite to petrol Bunk at 5-30 P.M. At 6 P.M. about 50 persons including some boys were present. Mr.D.S.Mallappa explained the audience the object with which the meeting is arranged. He expressed that Mysoreans should get Responsible Government and to attain this, every citizen should establish his rights and liberties and this could only be done by forming committees in every place and demand. Responsible - Government is that the difficulties of the Ryots may be redressed. With this object Congress committees were formed in Mysore State as in British India and the Government is at every stage placing restrictions by the issue of Orders under Section 144 Cr.P.C. and 45 of Police Regulation. Such an order is to be condemned. Messrs.T.Siddalingiah,Seetharama Sastry and Tagadoor Ramachandra Rao who are doing service to the country and humanity have been sent to Jail as they did not furnish security demanded by the Court. The public will not be happy until and unless Responsible Government is established in Mysore. In British India Congress Ministery is formed in seven Provinces and they have been effecting wonderful and marvellous changes on the constitution.

He also expressed that salaries of the Government Servants should be reduced and the evils of the drink should be put and end to. He requested the audience to give their assent to the following resolutions. He referred to Janavani Paper of the 7th instant and read out the resolutions:-

1. That this meeting condemns the attitude of the Government in enforcing the order under Section 107 Cr.P.C.against Messrs.T.Siddalingiah, Seetharama Sastry and Ramachandra Rao,Tagadoor and sends in their heart felt sympathy towards them.
2. That this meeting demands Responsible Government to establish Rights and liberties of citizens. After these Resolutions were unanimously passed,Mr.Mallappa thanked the Audience and wished that in future the audience would be ten times the present gathering on such occassions. The meeting was terminated at 6-20 P.M. with cheers Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai" Bharat Mataki Jai' Javahar Neharu Ki Jai' and Hindu Muslman Ki Jai'

Prominent among the audience were Messrs. 1) Subba Rao,B.A.LL.B. Pleader, Tiptur 2. K.Thimmappa, 3. N.D.Ramaswamiah,Moktyar, 4. U.B.Chandrasekhriah,Moktyar, 5. Godekere Siddalingappa,merchant, 6.L.Basappa, Merchant, 7. Mr.Anandatheertha Rao,Pleader, 8.Halappa, Merchant, 9.Shadakshrappa and 10.Basavannappa and others.

II. Gubbi Taluk Inspector reports as follows:-

In connection with the above I beg to state that the Repression Day was not observed on 12-10-37 anywhere in this Taluk except at Chandrasekahrpur.

At Chandrasekharapur a meeting is reported to have been held at 5-45 P.M. on 12-10-37 in connection with the above, in part of the house of Mr.Varadaraja Iyengar, Shanbhogue, of Chandrasekharapur, Bagayath the President Mr.T.Subramanyam,

Mr. T. Subramanyam, Secretary. Mr. Seshagiri Iyer, Amanikere Shanbhogue and above 20 other Congress Members were present.

Mr. C.K. Anatharaman is reported to have given a speech in Kannada about the arrest of the 3 CongressLeaders and Mysore Messrs. T. Sidda-Lingiah, Tagadoor Ramachandra Rao and Seetharama Sastry and the action taken against them by the Mysore Government under the Security Sections and requested that they should all show them displeasure as a protest against this ' ' of the Government and sympathise with the 3 leaders who courageously entered Jail for the sake of the Country and the case of them upliftment.

The following Resolutions are said to have been passed:-

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These resolutions are said to have been recorded and the signature of the Members were taken and the meeting disolved with the cries of 'Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai' and Vande Mataram'

III. Kunigal Taluk Police Inspector reports as follows:-

I beg to state that no meeting or Assembly was held in connection with the Repression Day at Kunigal on the 12th instant. But yet Amrathur a meeting was held comprising of the members:-

Messrs. A.S. Ranga Rao, A.S. Sreekanthiah, M.K. Ramaswamy, A.G. Narayana Iyer, Seshadri Iyengar, T.S. Ramkrishniah, Sampatha Iyengar, Singa Char, Narasimha Iyengar, Subba Rao, Venkataramanabhatta, Sundararaja Iyengar at Ramamandir where the resolutions was passed to symapthise with Messrs. T. Siddalingiah, Veerakesari Seetharama Sastry and Tagadoor Ramachandra Rao who were sent to Jail under the Presidentship of Mr. A.G. Narayana Iyer. Resolutions was sent to Mr. M. Neelakanthiah of Tumkur for being published in the News Papers. No other speech was made.

IV. The Inspectors of Sira, Chickanaikanhally and Pavagada Taluks and the Sub Inspectors of Koratagere and Turuvekere Taluks report that no activities and observation of Repression Day took place in their respetive Taluks jurisdiction.

V. No report is received from Madhugiri Taluk. The same will be reported after the receipt of report from the Inspector of this Taluk if there are particulars. — No Meeting has taken place in Madhugiri Taluk limits

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Superintendent of Police,
Tumkur District.

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A statement issued by Mr.K.T. Bhashyam, Dictator of the Mysore Congress, on 14-10-37.

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INDIAN POLITICIANS AND MYSORE POLITICS.

It has become the fashion of late birth with the Government of Mysore and with a few adherents and that Indian Politicians ought not to interfere with them. The claim is so ridiculous that one wonders that it seriously put forward at all.

In the first place, Mysore which has always been plumping for Federation and All India Unity cannot afford to treat Indian politicians as outsiders. If Mahatma Gandhi were to come into our midst tomorrow and advise us as to how best we may improve our political conditions consistently with our desire to merge into All India Federation, who can say that it would be unwise of him to say so? He has always held that a combination of democratic provinces and autocratic States can never make good and has advised the Princes to democratise the States. In accordance therewith suppose he advises the people and the Princes to work for the establishment of Responsible Government in the State would it be an interference with our Politics deserving of censure? What does it matter whether it is Mahatma Gandhi Dr. Hardikar, Sri.Kamaladevi or Comrade Masani? Each has his or her own light to shed on our problems, and why should they betreated differently? Are the people to be treated as school boys to be lectured to only by particular brands of teachers? Even school boys refuse to be spoonfed nowadays! And to prevent politicians because they come from outside Mysore and preach doctrines distasteful to the Government is naked tyrrany. Supposing we in Mysore held the same views and preached the same doctrines, would it alter the situation in any manner so far as the effect on the people is concerned? If Government think that local politicians are not so wise or progressive or influential they stand self condemned besides being false to themselves. There is no point in venting one's spite against Indian Politicians on the ground of their being outsiders. In the first place they are

really not outsiders; and in the next, even if they are it makes no difference whatever.

In the next place I would caution the Government of Mysore against the repercussions which this policy is bound to have in the provinces. If Dr. Hardikar is an outsider to Mysore unfit to mingle with us in our political work hundreds of Mysoreans who are in the Congress Provincial Committee would be unfit to be there, and with what result? Extreme provincialism and mutual antoganism leading to disastrous divisions in the country. The Government of Mysore cannot afford to back up such a policy if it is true to its faith in Federation and to the very wise words of Sir Mirza at the Annamalai University in October 1935 when he stated "The tendency for each province to discriminate against the inhabitants of other provinces will become more and more pronounced unless firm action is taken to discourage it from now onwards. Provincialism carried to its extreme can only spell disaster to the country at large. You, Graduates, who are the leaders of tomorrow have a sacred duty to see that this tendency is checked. It is for you to ~~ri~~ inculcate in the minds of your countrymen in season and out of season that they are all one people belonging to the same country, and owing the same allegiance whether professing this religi~~ous~~ or that or living in this province or State or that. We must all regard ourselves and indeed we are, as c hildren of the same mother". He finally invoked providence to endow them with 'the necessary vision and strength to fulfill the tremendous obligation" which rested on their shoulders. Wiser words were never uttered. Were they meant to be merely window dressing for the delectation of political thoroughfares or were they meant for practice as much as for preaching? I make a gift of the speech to the Government of Mysore and a greater gift cannot be made in their own interests. The pursuit of a policy which treats Indian citizens from whatever part of India as outsiders undesirable to discuss with us and advise us upon our political activities is fraught

with disaster and ought to be discouraged and checked at once. If the Government of Mysore do not care to take advise from us, surely they will and must accept the advice of Sir Mirza who prophetically enough seems to have anticipated himself and his Government.

In the next place, I would like to ask the Mysore Government whether they can shut out the flow of political thought by declaiming against and possibly keeping out these outsiders? Are not newspapers and books bringing in the ideas into the State day after day? The ~~gardner~~ men may sooner shut out the crows by closing the gates than the Government can shut these politicians from reaching the people. It is a vain and quixotic attempt at suppression of political thoughts. And let me add, that the more you suppress them the more they rise powerful. It is wiser to give no special importance whatever to their views and trust local leaders and the people in general to accept what is sound and to eschew what is not. It is the supreme sense of its infaliability that goads the Government to attempt this impossible and ~~rd~~ ridiculous ~~talks~~ hack of keeping out of these political undesirables from influencing the people in the State. If Government could see itself as others see it the futility of the attempt will be apparent at once.

Again, where is the logic in the claim that people in the State should not be helped in their political work by people from outside the State? Has Mysore decided to live in splendid isolation? The Mysore Government is well known for its hospitality to distinguished Indians including politicians, who have never lacked in expressing their gratitude by fulsome praises of the administration of the State. How far they are right is besides the point; but the fact that Government get their glories sung by suitable politicians from outside Mysore is there and cannot be denied. The Government may not intend the result but the result is there; and the whole world is fed on such choice material. If the people invite politicians of their own choice and through

them convey to the world the other side of the picture, how can the Government find fault? On the other hand they must feel flattered by the imitation. If getting people from outside to dabble about our local conditions is a sin who is the sinner the people or the Government? When I hear the Government of Mysore accusing anyone else of bringing in outsiders I feel like hearing Satan rebuking sin.

Supposing for a moment that all political thought distasteful to the Government and considered by them to be undesirable - were prevented from flowing into the country, does Government think that local politicians are much duds and nincompoops that they will not rise above the 18th century concept of political administration. Is this the compliment which the Government pays itself? Are they proud of the idea? Is it idle to imagine that by preventing Dr. Hardikar or Comrade Masani political thoughts could for ever be suppressed in the State. Our students, let alone the leaders, are every day thinking in terms of world politics, and what ~~fun~~ fun to hold that by muzzling a politician or even a host of them people can be prevented from aspiring in their? With Madras and Bombay on either side enjoying autonomy to the extent they do and with congressmen holding ministerial portfolios with such marked success, does Government expect local politicians to sit with folded hands and watch the ~~passage~~ passage of time? If in their demands of enforcing just and legitimate and if in their methods of enforcing them they are perfectly peaceful and nonviolent what harm is there in their being supported by politicians from outside? What gain is it to the Government that the voice which interprets the people is the voice only from within the State and not from outside also? If I demand responsible government rightly and I may be permitted to do so why may not Pandit Jawaharlal do so on our behalf?

I shall go a step further and assume that some of these politicians preach doctrines that are revolutionary and it is considered by the Government desirable that they should not do so.

Is that a justification for preventing them? If the doctrines are against the law of the land, let action be taken in accordance therewith. We can then test the legality of the action or either agree with Government or change the law if need be. Supposing someone came and preached violence; the people themselves will disavow him; for the congress is wedded to non-violence. And even if any one preached sedition in the real sense of the term. But to declare that socialists and communists ought not to express their views to the people and such politicians ought to be kept out is totally absurd. I rather think that such an attempt makes socialism and communism more attractive to the people who not being properly posted with correct ideas thereon by free exchange of thoughts are likely to run away with wild notions either for or against. Freedom of speech is the highway for popular learning and wisdom and prohitions based on apprehensions are neither wise nor fruitful. And let it be remembered that the goal of the congress in the state is responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja and nobody can preach against it.

It looks to me that this plea of outside interference is a lame and untenable excuse. If a politician from outside is insulted he is likely to refuse public opinion abroad against the repression and draw the world to the condition of affairs in the State. Whereas anything may be done with local politicians; and the peoples cries will never find an echo. Prominent newspapers are in the pay of the Government towards advertisement charges; and instances are plentiful when they have suppressed the news and views of the States people. There is a great deal of touchiness behind the policy of keeping out the so-called outsiders. But it is bound to fail; and not only so, it is likely to lead to disastrous results. There is not time or room is these days for petty provincialisms and narrow insularisms. We are bound to march together all of us, whether in the province or in the State and one is to the other as a brother and a sister. All are of us and with us; and above all we are, whether in the provinces or the states, Indians first and all other things next. That way and that way alone lies the salvation of the country.

Sd/- K.T.Sashyam,

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
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FROM

H. V. Ramaswami Esq., M.A., B.L.,
District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL
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No. 2177

B. T. Kesavinengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief *Secretary,*
to the Government of Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
17 OCT. 1937
No. 2983

Subject :—

I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No. C.C. 131/36-37 dated 13th October 1937 from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, together with its enclosure regarding "Repression Day".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.

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Letter No. C.C. 131/36-37 dated 13th October 1937 from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

I have the honour to state that as per statement issued by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam the "Repression Day" was observed in Bangalore City merely by holding a public meeting in Banappa's Park on 12th October 1937 under the presidentship of Mr. Ramalal Thivari. No hartal was observed in the City and the business was going on as usual. The Congress Committee did not also bring out any procession as contemplated by them previously. Hence the observance of the "Repression Day" was a failure.

Proceedings of the meeting are herewith enclosed for favour of information.

SIR,

"Copy"

Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

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Proceedings of the public meeting held in Bannappa's Park on 12th October 37 under the auspices of the City Congress Committee to observe the "Repression Day".

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About 400 persons attended the meeting and meeting was commenced at 6 P.M. Mr.Ramalal Tivari presided the meeting.

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In electing the President Mr.V.S.Narayana Rao said that Mr.T.Siddalingiah ought to have presided but fortunately or unfortunately our friend Mr.T.Siddalingiah is in Government Bhavan near Gandhinagar. Though he is there his soul will be here.

Mr.Ramalal Tivari requested Mr.K.Shamanna (Advocate) to address the gathering and who spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

" Gentlemen and friends - Today is the sacred day of Durghashtami, when we have to perform our pujas and pray Durghi - Adi Sakti. Perhaps you have prayed with sorrow instead of praying with joy. I need not tell you much regarding the significance of Durghashtami, which is in existence from time immemorial. Let Durgi give us strength to carry on our work. The President and members of the Mysore Congress Board are as State guests today, because they have rendered some service for the benefit and progress of our country with all their obstacles. Let us pray to God to give us strength and vigour to carry on the work for which work our friends are today in jail. Our President Mr.K.T.Bhashyam told us to observe this day as "Repression Day". These are Navarathri days, when there will be pujas in every temple and people will enjoy, but we have to feel sorrow. What is the use of feeling sorrow and shedding tears. Shedding tears is a sacred one, we shed tears not only for sorrow but also when we feel joy. It is only for a moment. Carry on your work. Now we have to think seriously how this great struggle which was commenced with many obstacles would end - whether it would end in success or failure? I think it would end in - success. Mysore Congress Board is the branch of All India National Congress and when National Congress succeeded in establishing responsible Government in British India, where the people were treated as slaves, I do not think that there is any difficulty for us to establish responsible Government here. It is not a great task to establish the same here Sinspite of repressive policy of Government. Now I will place before you the following three

matters for your kind consideration and request you all to carry on the work. Visit all the Taluks and villages, establish congress committees without any moral fear and give support to congress. Second thing is to work for the - release of our friends Messrs.T.Siddalingiah,Thagadur Ramachandra Rao and Veerakesari Sitharama Sastry. Mr.T.Siddalingiah would not have been arrested if he had been looking after his own work in his place and who made so much of progress for the benefit of our country, which we never expected from him. He was very simple, very mild and a man without pride. He had so much of patriotism towards our country that he had worked for us without any hesitation inspite of all the obstacles. Just imagine what sort of work he would have turned up if he had been free. Now we depend upon the support of youths to proceed further. To think of great persons is sacred one and who will give us only encouragement. We all know how much of services our friends have rendered to us. Government means from Dewan to P.C. One person who also get about Rs.100/- salary said in giving evidence that"Govt." - means those salary of who get Rs.500/- and above per mensem. Whoever he might be - whether Dewan or P.C. the powers and responsibilities are same. Every one should do their duty honestly, justly and reasonably. From the last 10 or 11 months, the Govt. are taking repressive measures against congress and we do not know how the Govt. view the congress activities? It is not possible for Govt. to know the aims and objects of an individual; because if a Police Inspector do anything, it willnot go to Govt. direct, but it goes first from Police Inspector to Amildar and then to his higher officer and so on. Therefore it is not possible for Government to know the repressive policy of the authorities. That is the meaning of "Responsible Government" - Government who work for the benefit of the people peacefully,justly and honestly without giving any sort of trouble or repression to the subjects. The authorities of Govt. should hear the grievances of the people and redress them and act according to the wishes of the people. We require such responsible Government. The last thing that I have to say is that we should work with unity for the - liberation of those, who worked for our country and who are in jail now.

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I went to narrate some incidents experienced in some of the Native States we visited, and you will be surprised to hear them. In Jamkhani, the revenue tax for an acre of land is Rs.2/-, for the same land in Mysore it is Rs. 4-8-0 and at Savanoor it is Rs.6. Why should there be difference? God sends rain to all places equally. Its rulers are very kind. They love their subjects. The variation is a clear indication of the degree of extravegance. There would not have been cordial receptions to them in the platforms and hotels of London, if they do not spend so lavishly. There are States where the expenditure is 3 or 4 times more than the revenue. In one State, it was considered as a grave offence to wear Gandhi caps, organise public meetings or deliver speeches. We went there with double congress flags on our car, with Gandhi caps, all the way shouting that there would be a meeting and lectures would be delivered. A meeting was organised by us and thousands of people attended and heard our speeches with rapt attention and cried "Bharat Mat-Ki Jai" with us. We enquired the leading Advocates, merchants and public workers of the place and when we told them about the meeting they were astonished and said that since 20 years there was not even a single meeting. Now about another State. There is a Mamladar. He is a Mamladar till 11 a.m. from 11-5 p.m. he is the Head Master of Government High School and after 5 p.m. he is a Magistrate. I have told you all these because there is no social

organisation (ಸಂಘಟನೆ ಶಕ್ತಿ). In our state there are thousands of educated persons and they are lacking inpatriotic spirit and are afraid of jails.

In another state there was an Advocate with a lucrative practic and the ruler of the State brought a false charge of forgery owing to some misunderstanding with him, as a result of which he was sent to jail. Such are the conditions in the various Native States. We have to improve the situation not only in Mysore but in other states also. Our youths who are eager to work should come forward and render service.

Our Government has demanded sureties from Siddalingiya and two other congress leaders who worked day and night for the welfare of the State. All of them were sent to jail. We do not know against whom the govt. will take action. It should proceed against all. Everyone should be prepared to go to jail. I am telling you what Mr.Siddalingiya has expressed. He visited many places and villagers accorded him warm reception. In some places people waited for hours together to receive him with garlands. There is no relationship between Siddalingiya and the villagers. The love towards congress has abundantly increased. It is not possible to check it. Even though our three leaders are in the jail the passion of their sould are felt all over our bodies. If they are put into jail, another one is ready to take up their place & enter jail. We want responsible government and it is the desire of everyone. Siddalingiya expressed that we want responsible government. I say once again that we want responsible government. Do you want responsible govt.? Yes. (Cries from the audience). Do you want responsible govt. or an extravagant govt?. Responsible govt.(Answer). Certainly we want responsible govt. The subsidy must be abolished. Thousands of electric lights have been installed for the Chamundi Hills. There was a proposal to replace the present tower of the New Municipal offices with a gold one at a cost of Rs. 10,000/- People are starving. Why such an extravagant expenditure?

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What we require is sufficent food and clothes to maintain ourselves. Let the Government undertake to construct four dams of the type of Krishnarajasagara. We are prepared to carry stones for its construction. There is a village by name Archakarahalli. In front of this village there is a compound wall. There is the necessity for such a compound wall?

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There are numerous lights on the Chamundi, but not even a single one in the houses of poor people who live on the hills.

There are many items on which govt. is wasting large sums. Do you want an extravagent govt? No. (Answer). I am telling you what has been said by Siddalingiya. We have got reverence and sympathy towards him and the other two leaders. While travelling in a motor car at a speed of 60 miles, ~~it is possible for~~ a government officer to notice that a particular compound wall or building is not alright and order for its removal. A govt. officer should be able to say even though he is travelling at a speed of 100 miles an hour that a particular person is starving, there is no rain in a particular village and crops have failed. We want officers of this type. If we point out the mistakes of government, the next moment orders under Sections 107, 108, 30 & 45 come. The officers may be either our own men or foreigners and it does not matter much. But what we ask them is to be sympathetic towards us and rule us properly. Congress governments wanted to introduce Prohibition but the British Govt. was not willing as they were afraid of the fall in revenue. Finally it accepted to reduce the military expenditure by 12 crores and to utilise the same towards this deficiency. This is responsible government. We want such a responsible govt. Our govt. has misconstrued us and is under the impression that we are working against it. People have got much enthusiasm and courage and want to improve their future. We are all loyal subjects of His Highness. In England there is Parliament and the King. The powers exercised by the Parliament and the King are different and each exercise its own powers. Is not Parliament loyal to the King? British people are ever prepared to sacrifice their lives for the cause of the King and country. So also we. What we ask is sufficient food to eat and clothes to wear. If we ask this, is the government justified to send us to jail? We know our responsibility For the cause of people three leaders went to jail and thousands are prepared to join them. It is only a matter of time.

B.M. Sennappa (Civil Liberties Union) next spoke in Kannada. He said :-

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Mr.Ramalal Tivari then spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

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Camp, Mysore,
BANGALORE
October 14, 37

Dear Mr. Kesavaiengar,

I am sending herewith, for the kind information of Government, copies of proceedings of several meetings as per details noted below:

Yours sincerely,

B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secy. to Govt. of Mysore.

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About 400 persons attended the meeting and meeting was commenced at 6 P.M. Mr.Ramalal Tivari presided the meeting.

In electing the President Mr.V.S.Narayana Rao said that Mr.T.Siddalingiah ought to have presided but fortunately or unfortunately our friend Mr.T.Siddalingiah is in Government Bhavan near Gandhinagar. Though he is there his soul will be here.

Mr.Ramalal Tivari requested Mr.K.Shamanna (Advocate) to address the gathering and who spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

Gentlemen and friends - Today is the sacred day of Durghashtami, when we have to perform our pujas and prey Durghi - Adi Sakti. Perhaps you have prayed with sorrow instead of praying with joy. I need not tell you much regarding the significance of Durghashtami, which is in existence from time immemorial. Let Durgi give us strength to carry on our work. The President and members of the Mysore Congress Board are as State guests today, because they have rendered some service for the benefit and progress of our country with all their obstacles. Let us pray to God to give us strength and vigour to carry on the work for which work our friends are today in jail. Our President Mr.K.T.Bhashyam told us to observe this day as "Repression Day". These are Navarathri days, when there will be pujas in every temple and people will enjoy, but we have to feel sorrow. What is the use of feeling sorrow and shedding tears. Shedding tears is a sacred one, we shed tears not only for sorrow but also when we feel joy. It is only for a moment. Carry on your work. Now we have to think seriously how this great struggle which was commenced with many obstacles would end - whether it would end in success or failure? I think it would end in success. Mysore Congress Board is the branch of All India National Congress and when National Congress succeeded in establishing responsible Government in British India, where the people were treated as slaves, I do not think that there is any difficulty for us to establish responsible Government here. It is not a great task to establish the same here Ginspite of repressive policy of Government. Now I will place before you the following three

matters for your kind consideration and request you all to carry on the work. Visit all the Taluks and villages, establish congress committees without any moral fear and give support to congress. Second thing is to work for the release of our friends Messrs.T.Siddalingiah,Thagadur Ramachandra Rao and Veerakesari Sitharama Sastry. Mr.T.Siddalingiah would not have been arrested if he had been looking after his own work in his place and who made so much of progress for the benefit of our country which we never expected from him. He was very simple, very mild and a man without pride. He had so much of patriotism towards our country that he had worked for us without any hesitation inspite of all the obstacles. Just imagine what sort of work he would have turned up if he had been free. Now we depend upon the support of youths to proceed further. To think of great persons is sacred one and who will give us only encouragement. We all know how much of services our friends have rendered to us. Government means from Dewan to P.C. One person who also get about Rs.100/- salary said in giving evidence that "Govt" - means those salary of who get Rs.500/- and above per mensem. Whoever he might be - whether Dewan or P.C., the powers and responsibilities are same. Every one should do their duty honestly, justly and reasonably. From the last 10 or 11 months, the Govt. are taking repressive measures against congress and we do not know how the Govt. view the congress activities? It is not possible for Govt. to know the aims and objects of an individual; because if a Police Inspector do anything, it willnot go to Govt. direct, but it goes first from Police Inspector to Amildar and then to his higher officer and so on. Therefore it is not possible for Government to know the repressive policy of the authorities. What is the meaning of "Responsible Government" - a Government who work for the benefit of the people peacefully, justly and honestly without giving any sort of trouble or repression to the subjects. The authorities of Govt. should hear the grievances of the people and redress them and act according to the wishes of the people. We require such responsible Government. The last thing that I have to say is that we should work with unity for the liberation of those, who worked for our country and who are in jail now.

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K.A.Venkataramiah spoke in Kannada to the following effect:-

"President, gentlemen and friends - A new awakening is noticed not only in Mysore but throughout India. What are present conditions of native States in India? We have heard only about some of them through papers. and of others we are ignorant. Some princes go to England, engage 100 rooms in Savoy Hotel for personal comforts, 2 rooms for their cooks and one room for their dogs. How do they get money to meet this extravagant expenditure? There are others who waste large amounts not in foreign countries, but in their own places. Mysore state is not spending in such a manner. But its expenses are increasing; so also its indebtedness. Mr.Siddalingiya has said about this and I want to repeat it again (claps).

I want to narrate some incidents experienced in some of the Nstive States we visited, and you will be surprised to hear them. In Jamkhandi, the revenue tax for an acre of land is Rs. 2/-, for the same land in Mysore it is Rs. 4-8-0 and at Savanoor it is Rs. 6. Why should there be difference? God sends rain to all places equally. Its rulers are very kind. They love their subjects. The variation is a clear indication of the degree of extravagance. There would not have been cordial receptions to them in the platforms and hotels of London, if they do not spend so lavishly. There are States where the expenditure is 3 or 4 times more than the revenue. In one State, it was considered as a grave offence to wear Gandhi caps, organise public meetings or deliver speeches. We went there with double congress flags on our car, with Gandhi caps, all the way shouting that there would be a meeting and lectures would be delivered. A meeting was organised by us and thousands of people attended and heard our speeches with rapt attention and cried "Bharat Mat-Ki Jai" with us. We enquired the leading Advocates, merchants and public workers of the place and when we told them about the meeting they were astonished and said that since 20 years there was not even a single meeting. Now about another State. There is a Mammladar. He is a Mammladar till 11 a.m. from 11 to 5 p.m. he is the Head Master of Government High School and after 5 p.m. he is a Magistrate. I have told you all these because there is no social

organisation (ಸಂಘಟನೆ). In our state there are thousands of educated persons and they are lacking in patriotic spirit and are afraid of jails.

In another state there was an Advocate with a lucrative practice and the ruler of the State brought a false charge of forgery owing to some misunderstanding with him, as a result of which he was sent to jail. Such are the conditions in the various Native States. We have to improve the situation not only in Mysore but in other states also. Our youths who are eager to work should come forward and render service.

Our Government has demanded suretieis from Siddalingiya and two other congress leaders who worked day and night for the welfare of the State. All of them were sent to jail. We do not know against whom the govt. will take action. It should proceed against all. Everyone should be prepared to go to jail. I am telling you what Mr.Siddalingiya has expressed. He visited many places and villagers accorded him warm reception. In some places people waited for hours together to receive him with garlands. There is no relationship between Siddalingiya and the villagers. The love towards congress has abundantly increased. It is not possible to check it. Even though our three leaders are in the jail, the passion of their souls are felt all over our boxdies. If they are put into jail, another one is ready to take up their place & enter jail. We want responsible government and it is the desire of everyone. Siddalingiya expressed that we want responsible government. I say once again that we want responsible government. Do you want responsible govt.? Yes. (Cries from the audience). Do you want responsible govt. or an extravagent govt?. Responsible govt.(Answer). Certainly we want responsible govt. The subsidy must be abolished. Thousands of electric lights have been installed for the Chamundi Hills. There was a proposal to replace the present tower of the New Municipal offices with a gold one at a cost of Rs. 10,000/- People are starving. Why such an extravangant expenditure?

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What we require is sufficent food and clothes to maintain ourselves. Let th Government undertake to construct four dams of the type of Krishnarajasagara. We are prepared to carry stones for its construction. There is a village by name Archakarahalli. In front of this village there is a compound wall. Where is the necessity for such a compound wall?

There are numerous lights on the Chamundi, but not even a single one in the houses of poor people who live on the hills.
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There are many items on which govt. is wasting large sums. Do you want an extravagent govt? No. (Answer). I am telling you what has been said by Siddalingiya. We have got reverence and sympathy towards him and the other two leaders. While travelling in a motor car at a speed of 60 miles, ~~it is impossible for~~ a government officer to notices that a particular compound wall or building is not alright and order for its removal. A govt. officer on the other hand should be able to say even though he is travelling at a speed of 100 miles an hour that a particular person is starving, there is no rain in a particular village and crops have failed. We want officers of this type. If we point out the mistakes of government, the next moment orders under Sections 107, 108, 39 & 45 comes. The officers may be either our own men or foreigners and it does not matter much. But what we ask them is to be sympathetic towards us and rule us properly. Congress governments wanted to introduce Prohibition but the British Govt. was not willing as they were afraid of the fall in revenue. Finally it accepted to reduce the military expenditure by 12 crores and to utilise the same towards this deficiency. This is responsible government. We want such a responsible govt. Our govt. has misconstrued us and is under the impression that we are working against it. People have got much enthusiasm and courage and want to improve their future. We are all loyal subjects of His Highness. In England there is Parliament and the King. The powers exercised by the Parliament and the King are different and each exercise its own powers. Is not Parliament loyal to the King? British people are ever prepared to sacrifice their lives for the cause of the King and country. So also we. What we ask is sufficient food to eat and clothes to waar. If we ask this, is the government justified to send us to jail? We know our responsibility For the cause of people three leaders went to jail and thousands are prepared to join them. It is only a matter of time.

B. M. Seenappa (Civil Liberties Union) next spoke in Kannada. He said :-.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೂಚಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ! ಎಲ್ಲಿ ನೀವು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು ನಾವು ಈ ದಿನ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದು ಸುದಿನ. ಅನೇಕರು ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆಗಳಿಂದ ಬಂದು ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವರನ್ನೆಲ್ಲ ಏಕೆ ಕರೆಯಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ? ಅದೇನು ಕಾರಣ? ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು? — ಮೂರು ತಿಂಗಳು ಮುಂಚೆ ಒಬ್ಬ ತಲೆಹುಳು ಸೀಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದ. ಇಲ್ಲಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಮ್ಮ ಕೂಡ ದಿಂಬಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳ ನೆಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಳಿಲಿ. ನಾವು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೂ ಹೋಳಿಮಾಡಿ ತಿಂದ್ವಿ. ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಥ ಜನ ಹಾಳಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಸಹಕಾರ ಇದ್ದಾಗಲೆಲ್ಲಾ ಯಾರೆಲ್ಲಿಂದಲೋ ಒಬ್ಬರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾಂಕಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬರಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ನಿಶ್ಚಯಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನಾವು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಸಲಹೆಯನ್ನು ಅವರು ಪಾಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. Meeting ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಾವು ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಾವಾದರೂ ಹೋಗಿ ಬಂದು ನೋಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಾವು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನಿಂತ್ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಾವು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನಿಂತ್ಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಇದು ಎಂತಹ ನಿನ್ನೆಯ ಬಂದ ಕೆಲಸವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಿತ್ತು. ನಾನು ಹೋಗಿ ಬರಲಾ. ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ನಾವು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಾವು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಈ ದಿನವೇ ಹೋಗಿ ಬರಬೇಕಿತ್ತು. ನನಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಬೇಕಿತ್ತು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುವವರು ನಾವು. ಹೀಗೆ ನಡೆಯಲ್ಲಾ. ಕೆಲಸಗಳಾಗಬೇಕಾ.

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The above resolutions were passed unanimously. The meeting terminated at 7-45 P.M. with Vandhematharam and other congress slogans.

Submitted:-

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Report submitted by the Police Inspector, Doddaballapur Taluk on 13-10-1937:

Beg to report that "Hartal" was observed today i.e. 13-10-37 in this town. All the shops, hotels and market were closed. Business was at stand-still.

A procession of about 100 men including Messrs: N.C Thimma Reddy, Anantasarma, Chennabasappa, Krishnamurthi (pleader) and others started from the Theosophical building at about 9 a.m. and paraded through the important streets of the town. The procession carried photos of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, T. Siddalingiah, Tagadur Ramachandra Rao and Seetharama Sastri; the national flag and a placard on which were written [illegible] Some were saying national songs. The procession returned back to the Theosophical society at about 11. 30 a.m. and dispersed.

In the evening a public meeting was held in front of the hospital at 6.30 p.m. About 2,000 people had assembled. People had also come from villages to attend the meeting. The National Flag was also hoisted.

At first Mr. N.C.Thimmareddy proposed Mr. Shampur Ramachandra to the chair and said that the meeting had assembled there to observe the "MYSORE GOVERNMENT REPRESSION DAY" [illegible]

Then Mr. Bhima Rao of Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, delivered a speech as follows:-

"I am a servant of the congress but not its leader. We have assembled here to protest against the high-handed action of the Government. Government have imprisoned Mr. T. Siddalingiah. You should feel that all of you are in jail. He was sent to the jail because he represented the grievances of the ryots to the Government in his speeches and demanded responsible Government. The present Government is the Government of officers but not of the people. In Madras Presidency, the Ministers think themselves to be the servants of the people; but here it is not so. The Government do not permit per-

-sons like Dr.Hardikar & Siddalingiah to speak because they request the Government to ameliorate the sufferings of the poor. This is indeed repression. Jawaharlal asks us to retaliate. We do not want Federation because it is not in the interest of the Nation. Do not be afraid of going to jail. The whole of India is a big jail. We must get ourselves liberated from this jail. It is only congress that can do it. For it is the congress that made the British Government tremble. We must see that Mr. T. Siddalingiah is set at liberty."

Mr. N.N. Chandur spoke as follows:-

"We have assembled here to condemn the repression policy of the Government. The Government jailed Mr. Siddalingiah for speaking truth. This clearly shows that the Government is trying to crush the rights and liberties of the people. If we allow the Government to act like this, we are sure to lose our rights and liberties. The Government officers are paid high salaries. We are paying 3 and crores of rupees to the Government by the way of revenue. We must have the right to question the Government how the revenues are spent. We starve our children in order to pay the revenues to Government. Thus we suffer. But we are not allowed to speak out our grievances in the assemblies. Poverty and Misery are found everywhere in the State. The Government get 65 lakhs of rupees as liquor revenues. The Government raise this revenue from immoral source and spend it. We must request the Government to release Mr. T. Siddalingiah. His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore takes 26 lakhs of rupees for palace expenses per annum. We request (His Highness) him to reduce it by one lakh of rupees at least every month."

R.C. Chennabasappa spoke on the significance of the national flag. He further said "we have lost our free-dom through ill-luck and are leading a life of slavery. Under these circumstances a National Flag for the country is essential. The flag which is respected by 35 crores of

of people is dishonoured today. Previously the same flag was dishonoured in British India. During the Martial Law regime at Sholapur, the Police gave lot of trouble to the volunteers who tried to defend the honour of the flag." He said that he took part in that campaign.

"Please consider who it is that is fighting for truth, the Government or we? Those who fight for truth will certainly win. He referred here to the incident of "Draupadi Vastrapaharana" as told in Mahabharata where Sree Krishna came to the rescue of Draupadi. If we believe in God. he is sure to come to our rescue. We must fight for truth. We must uphold the honour ofthe National Flag. The Government whixh dishonour this flag will be ruined. We must crush such a Government."

Mr. Muguvalappa spoke as follows:-

"The Government think that by imprisoning a few individuals like Mr. T. Siddalingiah, it can kill the congress movements. But they are mistaken. Today the congress means 65 lakhs of people. Mr. Siddalingiah represents the power of these people. These people will not keep quiet. They will all come forward and fight the repressive policy of the Government."

Jalaluddin spoke in Urdu and his speech was translated by Bhima Rao into Kannada as follows:-

"We should all wear khadder and become congress members irrespective of caste, creed and colour. There are many Muslims like Moulana Abdul Kalam Azad in the congress. The congress does not make any distinction between one community and another."

Then Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi spoke as follows:

" Mahatma Gandhi has explained the meaning of congress movement in a few simple words. We should all wear Khadi. We should not drink any liquor. There should be Hindu Muslim Unity. We should remove untouchability. There should be one common language. We must achieve all these things through non-violence. If we achieve them we will get Swaraj. The

congress exists to achieve Swaraj.

We have now got responsible Government inall provinces in British India. Here in Mysore, we should get such Responsible Government. Mr. Siddalinghiah demanded Responsible Government and said that we should stop the draining away of the blood of the people in the form of revenues. For this he was jailed by Government. Sir Mirza Dewan says that he has been doing what Mahatma Gandhi has been preaching; but he does not talk of the reduction of salaries. The Government have not replied to our telegram requesting for the release of Mr. Siddalingiah before the 16th. They have thereby dishonoured Doddaballapur. Sir Mirza says that the Government has been encouraging khadi and there is Hindu Muslim Unity in the State. His Highness the Maharaja is a Hindu and I, the Dewan am a Muslim. What else these facts required, says Sir Mirza - previously Mysore Government meant Matthan's Government. Mr. Matthan was Mysore Mussolini. He encouraged Y.M.C.A. What has Y.M.C.A. done regarding the rural construction at Doddaballapur?" Why should government spend much money over it?

Sir Mirza says that the Government have been doing prohibition work. He says that the number of drinking persons has gone down. But this is false. Mr. C. Rajagopalachar has prohibited drinking in Salem District. But we do not find such men in Mysore.

Our Highness is a Maharishi. The Dewan is a Mussalman. His Highness does not go against the advice of Sir Mirza. Many muslims have secured jobs during the administration of Sir Mirza. But we have no objections to it. We want only Responsible Government. Sir M. Visweswaraiah was taking Rs.3,000/- as his salary. Mr. Rajagopalachar takes only Rs.500/- But Sir Mirza takes Rs.5,000/-. The Members of Mysore Government do not possess even one tenth of the ability of Mr. C. Rajagopalachar But still these persons draw high salaries. The reason for demanding Responsible Government for our State is that we wish to spend the revenues of the State for the good of the people. The Congress Govern-

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-ment do not rob money from the people for the sake of their salaries. They take money to feed the people. The Congress will bring such a Government.

The present Dewan has been ruling for the last 12 years. He must introduce Responsible Government before he vacates. Mr. Siddalingiah must become the prime-minister. If Sir Mirza makes up his mind, he will introduce Responsible Government. He has got such ability. Certain people in the Palace do not like him. His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore is in England for this purpose. Sir Mirza controls the press. That is why "Hindu" does not publish anything about our movement. As long as there is Sir Mirza, Sir Tod-hunter will be the Private Secretary to His Highness. He has got a European Inspector-General of Police Thus the Government is encouraging foreigners. If Congress Government is established all these things will be set right. We must send our representatives to the Federal Government. Today the old Government is gone. The Congress Government has come. We buried the repression of the Government under this National Flag. There is Congress Government from 12th October 1937".

Before Sir Mirza goes, he will get us Responsible Government. Hence-forward, there will be no such person as Dewan. Our Dewan is a patriot. He is a nationalist and has got sympathy towards us. But he is afraid of British Government and the Resident. We should have Responsible Government in all Native States".

Mr. Krishnamurthy, pleader said that the following resolutions should be passed:-

1. Requesting the Government to release Mr. T. Siddalingiah before the 16th.

2. Condemning the Repressive policy of Government.

3. Demanding the early introduction of Responsible Government in the State.

4. Authorising the members of the Municipality to resign in a body in case Mr. Siddalingiah is not released before the 16th. This was moved by the President Shampur Ramachandriah.

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Mr. Shampur Ramachandriah, President, further remarked that they must request the members of ensuing Assembly to stage a walk-out if the Government does not release Mr. T. Siddalingiah.

In the end, Chennabasappa(R.C.) impressed to the audience the message of Mr. T. Siddalingiah to the public of Doddaballapur:

1. There should be a Congress office in Doddaballapur town.
2. There should be a volunteer corps to carry on the congress work.
3. The congress workers should get first hand information regarding the grievances of the rights and represent them to the Government.

The meeting terminated at about 9.30 p.m.

Copy of the above is submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, for kind perusal. No stenographers from C.I.D. office could be sent as there was no previous notice of the meeting, the pamphlet having been distributed on the 12th instant only. However, a writer police constable in my office who is just picking up Kannada shorthand was deputed to take down notes independently and he has done so, the substance in general being the same as above.

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Inspector General of Police.